

NO DECISION IN ELECTION CASE IN TRIAL HERE

Special Judge Epperson Hands Down Findings in Case Here

ONLY TWO DEFENDANTS

Fail to Agree on Statement of Facts Before Case Brought To Trial

Special Judge B. H. Epperson, assigned through agreement for hearing in the case of L. M. Morris and Dr. Sam A. McKeel, charged with contempt of court in the failure of the Pontotoc county election board and city inspectors of Allen to place names of certain candidates on the ballot, made his findings in the case but withheld his decision upon the plea of state counsel.

Epperson took on the judiciary cloak in the case when the resident district judge suggested that another be selected to act in his stead, while he continued trial of regularly docketed cases in district court.

Epperson handed down his findings in the case after attorneys for both sides had argued legal phases of the case all day. Several witnesses were placed on the stand during the trial to bring out salient points.

It was indicated by the court that a decision would be handed down in the case Monday afternoon. The state counsel asked for time to seek other citations.

Reach No Agreement

Considerable delay was caused Friday afternoon, the time set for trial of the case, when attorneys for both sides attempted to agree on a statement of facts. The effort was of no avail and both sides brought their statements of contention.

Through agreement, charged against all defendants in the case except L. M. Morris of Allen and Dr. Sam A. McKeel were dismissed.

The court also took judicial knowledge of a suggestion whereby the defendants could be held only to a maximum fine of \$10 and court costs.

The state counsel's contention is the case held that no time limit could be placed on the filing of candidates selected by petition or representative bodies.

The defense attorneys declare that no writ of mandamus has been served on the defendants and that they could not be held for contempt if the original writ had not been served.

Findings of Judge

Following is the finding in the case:

The court finds that A. L. Castleman et al, in cause 6077 filed a petition for mandamus against the County Election Board requiring the Election Board to put the following names on the ticket to be voted on at Allen April 3rd, 1923, to-wit: A. L. Castleman, R. L. Donaghe, F. A. Kimp, John Luke, E. A. McIntyre and M. J. Butler but the records do not show that any mandamus was ever issued and served on the defendants Sam A. McKeel and L. M. Morris requiring them to place these names on the ticket or to use tickets furnished by J. W. Bolen, district judge, and that these defendants appeared in court by counsel March 24th, 1923 and statement of the finding of the court was made at that time and that sometime thereafter—the exact date not being known—the statements of the court was transcribed by the court reporter and filed on April 14th, 1923. Statement of findings by the court made on that day, as shown by Exhibit "A" of the plaintiff's evidence which is hereby referred to and made a part of my findings.

The court finds that the defendant, Sam A. McKeel, Secretary of the County Election Board, never placed the names on the tickets of the parties in the petition set out in cause No. 6077 and that the defendant L. M. Morris never used tickets furnished by J. W. Bolen, district judge, containing the names of the plaintiffs herein at the election held in Allen on the 3rd day of April, 1923, nor was any attempt made by either of these defendants to comply with the order of the district judge of March 24th, 1923.

It is the opinion of this court that the district judge had no authority to order the county election board to place the names of the parties set out in plaintiff's petition on the ballot, for the reason that they did not file in time to get their names on the ballot, as provided by law. Also that L. M. Morris as city inspector had no authority to use any ballots except those furnished by the county election board and that the court had no authority to order these names to be placed on the ballot or to order that ballots not furnished by the county election board be used in said election on the 3rd day of April, 1923.

The court further finds in this case that a copy of an order issued on the 2nd day of April, 1923 by J. W. Bolen as district judge was served on the defendant L. M. Morris by the Sheriff of Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, as shown by plaintiff's Exhibit "C" copy of which order was duly filed in open

court the 3rd day of April, 1923. The Court finds that the ballots with the names of the plaintiffs in this case was never furnished to the city election board by the county election board but was furnished by the district judge.

(From Tuesday's Daily) Final decision in the election board case will be withheld until the latter part of the week, Special Judge B. H. Epperson, assigned for the hearing of the case, announced this morning.

It was intimated that Epperson would hand down a decision in the case Monday after issuing his finding in the case heard Saturday. Delay was asked by state counsel in order to present other legal citations bearing on the case.

Epperson stated that he would withhold his final decision until he had thoroughly reviewed legal points of the case and had time to render his decision.

It is understood that state counsel had presented several legal citations in bearing on points in the case.

Charges against all defendants, except Dr. Sam A. McKeel and L. M. Morris, one of the judges for the Allen election had been dismissed.

OBITUARY

(From Wednesday's Daily) MRS. G. W. GALTNEY

Mrs. G. W. Galtney died this morning at 3:20 at the family home five miles northwest of Ada after an illness of eight weeks due to influenza. Funeral services were conducted at Rosedale cemetery this afternoon by Revs. Pendleton and McCane.

Besides her husband and four children Mrs. Galtney is survived by a family of seven brothers and sisters, two brothers from out of town, A. L. Nettles of Garvin and W. L. Nettles of Sapulpa, arrived in time for the funeral.

Deceased was 39 years of age. She was born in Cooke county, Texas, but came to this vicinity 28 years ago and grew to womanhood here. She was the youngest of a family of eight and the first of the eight to pass away.

(From Sunday's Daily) PALIE MARTIN

Palie Neomia, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Martin, died at the family home Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Interment at Rosedale cemetery. The little girl was less than two years old.

EDWIN Y. COLEMAN

(From Sunday's Daily) Edwin Y. Coleman died Saturday afternoon at 12:40 at the home of his uncle D. F. Coleman, 129 South Mississippi. Funeral services will be conducted this afternoon at 1 o'clock at the above named home by Rev. J. H. Ball. Interment at Rosedale cemetery.

Deceased was 18 years of age. He was the son of T. B. Coleman who lived at Ada before moving to Tulsa. The young man had come to Ada two days before his death for a visit to relatives.

MARKET REPORT

(These reports are furnished to the C. F. Avery Cotton Exchange M. & P. Bank building.)

New York Cotton. Open High Low Close May 28.70 28.85 28.43 28.75 July 27.95 27.97 27.62 27.85 Oct. 25.10 25.10 24.79 24.89 New York Spots 29c.

New Orleans Cotton. Open High Low Close May 28.05 28.20 27.85 28.12 July 27.75 27.87 27.50 27.77 Oct. 24.53 24.54 24.25 24.33 New Orleans Spots 28.38.

Grains. Wheat—Open High Low Close May 1.255 1.263 1.243 1.251 July 1.233 1.241 1.223 1.234

Corn—May .791 .804 .788 .785 July .811 .821 .81 .812

Oats—May .452 .451 .451 .453 July .461 .461 .461 .461

ADA PRODUCE MARKET (Furnished by Ada Hides and Produce Co.) Hens, per pound 181 Frys, per pound 200 Roosters, per pound 60 Ducks, per pound 10 Geese, per pound 6 Hides, per pound 76 Eggs, per dozen 18c Broilers from 1 to 2 lbs. per pound 35c

Franklin Davis Named Rector of Episcopal Church

According to word received here, Reverend Franklin Davis, former archdeacon of the Episcopal church in Oklahoma, has accepted the call for the rectorship of St. John's Episcopal Chapel at Oklahoma City and will take up his pulpit May 6.

Reverend Davis was the first minister in charge of St. Luke's Episcopal church here and under his leadership the church prospered. Davis came here as minister in 1915 and remained until 1920 when he accepted the leadership of western Oklahoma.

Charge of felony were entered in justice court before Justice H. J. Brown Wednesday morning against Arthur High for the possession of liquor.

High's preliminary hearing will be held this afternoon.

High is alleged to have been brought before the court of justice before on similar charges and hence the charge of felony.

High is being retained in the county jail awaiting trial.

Ada Hi Romps Over Field For Easy First in Tenth Annual County Meet Here

Ada high school athletes won another country track and field meet today by a wide margin of points.

Most of the competition came from Roff, with Allen, Francis, and Stonewall trailing. Results of the meet and the showing made by a number of those taking part indicate that Pontotoc county will make a great showing in the district meet which is to be held next week.

Ada took most of the field events and enough of the track contests to roll up a total of 80 points. Roff, led by Wesley, came next with 35 points, gained chiefly in the dashes. Francis scored four points and Allen and Stonewall each counted one.

Officials of the meet stated that it was an unqualified success, with excellent weather, a good number of contestants, and a fine spirit shown by those concerned with the meet. A large number of visitors were present, as well as a crowd of Ada people.

Contest are offered in choruses, mixed and girls, piano, declamation, reading, arithmetic, and spelling, with appropriate prizes for the winner in each contest.

Miss Inez Slagle of O. B. U. judged the contests in chorus, piano and reading.

Results of the contests were:

Chorus: Class A; girls, Roff; mixed, Roff; Class B, girls, Latta; Class C, girls Hays; mixed Washington.

Piano: Class A. Pauline Givens, Roff, first; Ruth Trout, Ada, second; Class C, Nell Chapman, Willard, first; Martha King, Hays second.

Declamation: Class A: Herman Garrett, Stonewall, first; Allen Hensley, Ada, second; Class C: C. W. Morgan, Willard, first; Jack Conk, Hays, second.

Reading: Class A: Ruby Walker, Stonewall, first; Lucile Webster, Ada, second; Class C: Geneva Dennis, Willard, first; Mary Bird Munay, Stonewall, second.

Arithmetic: Fourth grade, Day, Day, Scott, Latta; fifth grade, Amy Kelton, Hays; Sixth, Carl Kerley, Irving; seventh, Marjorie Driskill, Hays; eighth, E. J. Merrett, Roff; Spelling: Class C: Eva Saunders, Willard, first; Francis Reeves, Hays, second.

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The condition of wheat for the state as a whole is up to the ten-year average, according to the report. Rain last week have proved very beneficial, it said, to all small grains, although the northwest and west, where condition is poorest, need rain badly.

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The C class contestants were required to come under a required age limit and were in most instances representatives from ward and smaller rural schools in the county.

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The showing made by the class B athletes indicates that track prospects for the county for some years to come will be amply taken care of. The large number of contestants show that much interest is being taken in this line of effort, and shows the development of ability and interest since the establishment of the county meet as an annual affair ten years ago.

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The remarkable records made in many instances in the C class events show that Ada and Pontotoc county has an abundance of material to choose from in the years to come.

Following are the winners in the events in class C:

100 yd. dash boys—Collins, Washington, first; Smith, Washington, second; Barringer, Irving, third. Time 11.25.

100 yd. dash, girls—Lucile Irving, Washington, first; Jimmie Mae Hardin, second; Evelyn McClure, third. Time 13.3-5.

220 yd. dash, boys—Collins, Washington, first; Mathews, Roff, second; O'Neal, Washington, third. Time 26.1-5.

440 yd. dash, boys—Mathews, Roff, first; Floyd, third, time 67.2-5.

440 yd. dash, girls, relay—Washington, first; Hays, second; Irving, third. Time 62.2-5.

Shot put—Collins, Washington, first; Floyd, second; Baker, Irving, third. Distance 35 feet, 9 inches.

Mile run—Willoughby, Ada; Roff, Henson, Roff; Henson, Francis; time 11 seconds.

Low hurdles—King, Ada; Sampson, Francis; Wesley, Roff; time 15 seconds.

High jump, boys—Collins, Washington, first; O'Neal, Washington, second; Elam, Stonewall, third. Height 5 feet, 6 inches.

High jump, girls—Collins, Washington, first; O'Neal, Washington, second; Elam, Stonewall, third. Height 4 feet, 10 inches.

Broad jump, boys—Collins, Washington, first; O'Neal, Washington, second; Elam, Stonewall, third. Height 6 feet, 6 inches.

Broad jump, girls—Collins, Washington, first; O'Neal, Washington, second; Elam, Stonewall, third. Height 5 feet, 6 inches.

Discus, boys—Noel, first; Delle, Roff, third; Collins, Washington, second. Distance 59 feet, 2 inches.

880 yd. relay boys—Washington, first; Roff, second; Roff, third. Time 2 minutes, 21 seconds.

880 yd. relay, girls—Washington, first; Roff, second; Roff, third. Time 2 minutes, 22 seconds.

Baseball throw, girls—Faires Shillings, Glenwood, first; Jimmie Mae Harding, Washington, second; Jewell Norman, Hays, third. Distance 148 feet, 9 inches.

High jump, boys—Collins, Washington, first; Sampson, Francis; Wesley, Roff; time 13 seconds.

Shot put—Potts, Ada; King, Ada; Morris, Ada; distance 38 feet, 3 inches.

Discus throw—Potts, Ada; King, Ada; Morris, Ada; distance 88 feet, 3 inches.

High jump—Potts, Ada; Kerr, Ada; Spence, Stonewall; height, 5 feet, 8 inches.

Broad jump—Potts, Ada; Bohanan, Roff; Bradford, Roff; 10 feet, 4 inches.

Pole vault—Potts, Ada; Carr, Ada; Not required to vault for height.

Javelin—Nettles, Ada; Morris, Ada; Allen, Roff; 127 feet, 7 inches.

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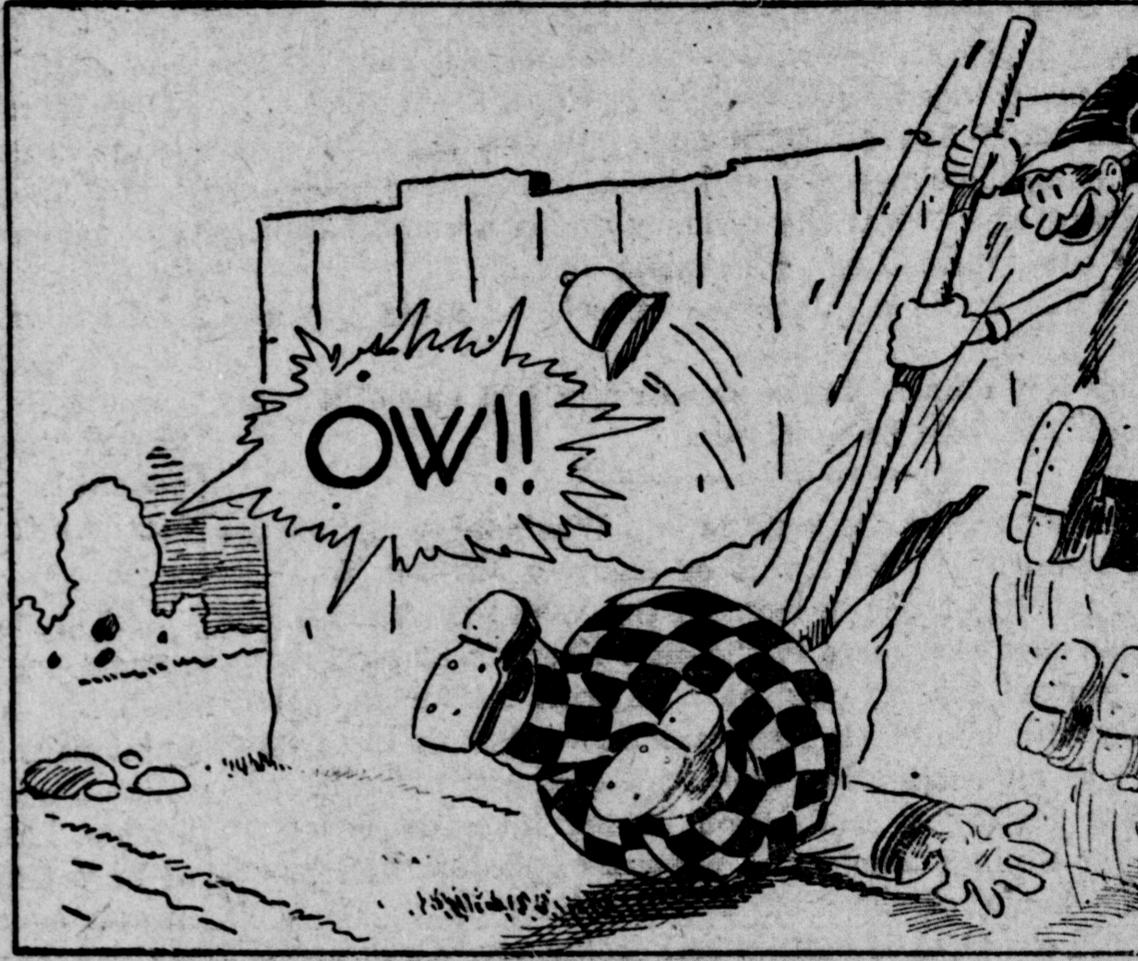
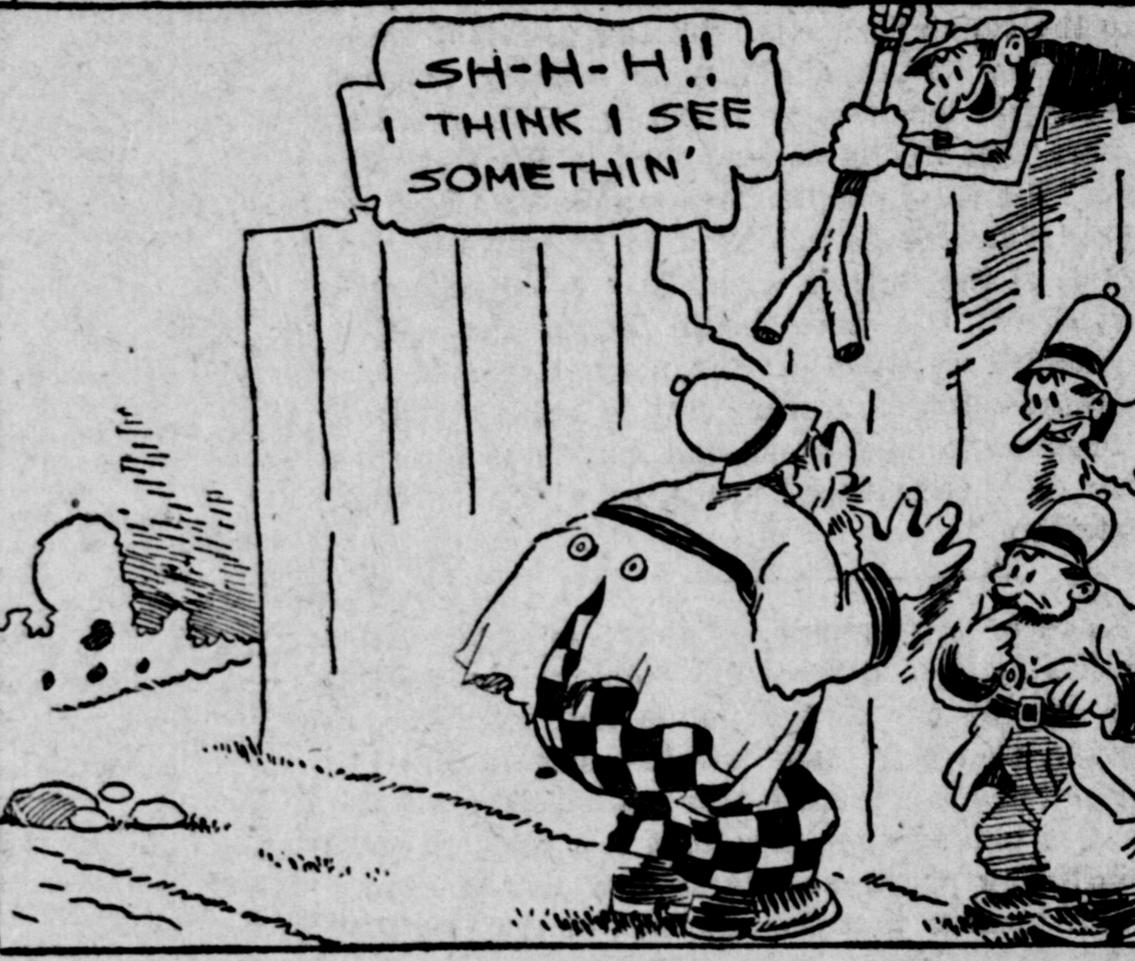
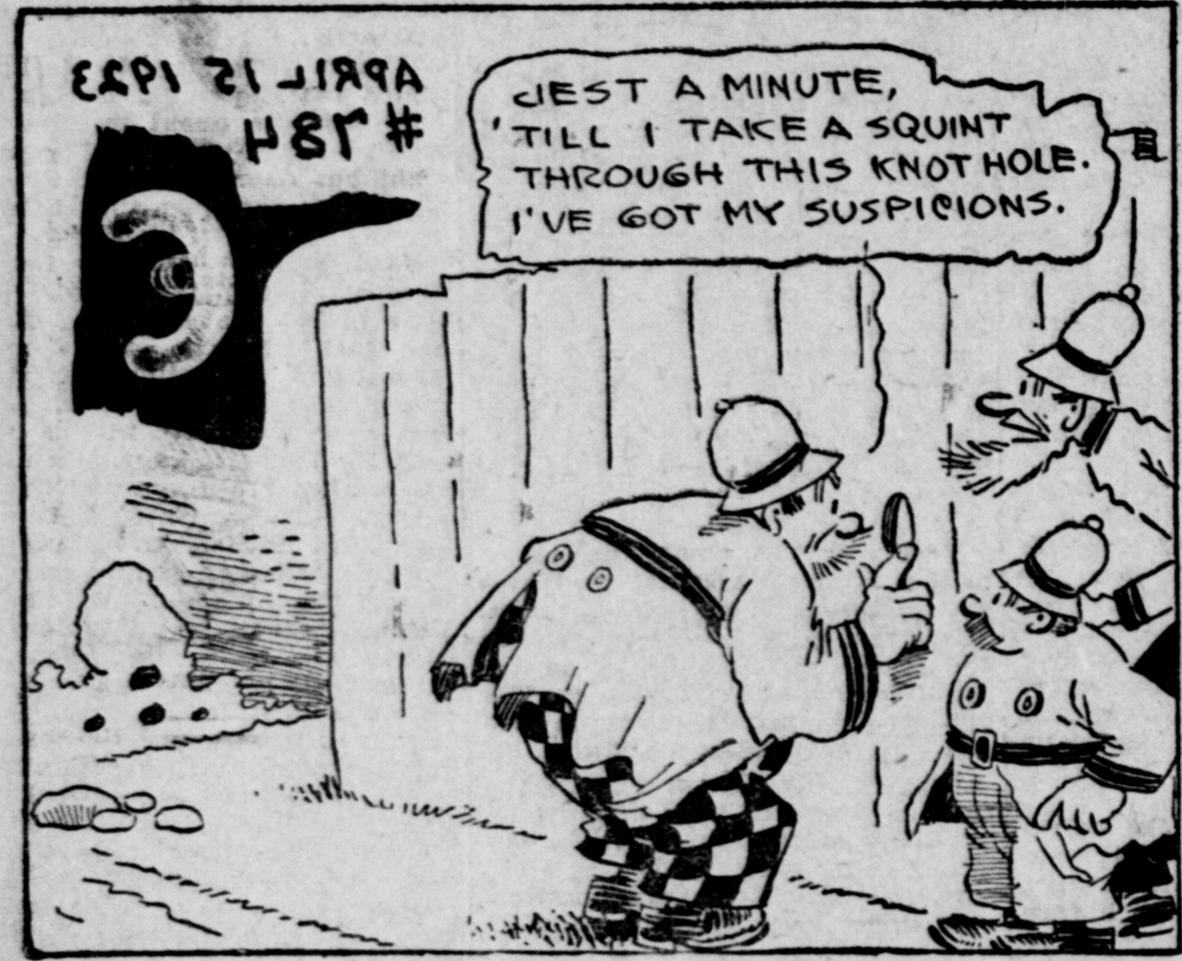
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HOW TARIFF RAISES SUGAR PRICE

On April 2, 1923, a hundredweight of 96 degree Cuban raw sugar landed in New York cost \$5.63.

But this sugar could not be released from custody of the U. S. Treasury and get into the market until the tariff of 1.76 cents a pound was paid by the importers.

When this tariff had been paid it was added to the original cost of the sugar and the equivalent of this hundredweight, expressed in terms of dollars and cents, then became \$7.39 and was carried on the importers' books at that amount.

The refiners claim a shrinkage of 7 per cent during the process of preparing the sugar for consumption. Seven per cent of \$7.39 is 52 cents, and amounts added make \$7.91.

The sugar was then offered to the trade at 9 cents a pound, less 2 per cent—or 18 cents a hundred pounds. The wholesale price was fixed therefore at \$8.82 a hundred.

If the tariff had not been added to this sugar the cost of it, including the charge for shrinkage, would have been only \$6.02 instead of \$7.39 at the refinery and the wholesale price about 6% cents instead of 8.82 cents a pound.

The tariff made a difference of about 2 cents a pound, wholesale.

If any Republican thinks he can figure it any other way and be right, let him go to it!—Ex.

Vigorous protests are pouring into Washington against the proposed removal of the statue of Andrew Jackson from its position a short distance in front of the White House to a less conspicuous spot elsewhere in the city. There is ample ground for such protest, for it would be a difficult matter to replace this statue with one of an American as worthy of the honor. Jackson was an outstanding type of the sturdy pioneers who shaped the destiny of the nation during its early uncertain struggle for a place among the powers of the earth. Jackson upheld the honor of the United States both on the field of battle and in the field of politics and diplomacy. He forced the respect of the world and won the admiration of his fellowmen and foreigners alike. Few presidents held the confidence of the people as did Jackson and none excelled him in honesty of purpose and unwavering loyalty to duty. Just why his statue should be relegated to some out of the way corner of Washington is beyond the comprehension of the average American, for the passage of time has removed none of the laurels from the brow of Old Hickory.

The Daughters of the Confederacy at Muskogee have entered a strong protest against an article for a former army officer appearing in a Muskogee school paper in which Jefferson Davis is attacked as a man of small ability and as the leader of a treasonable movement. Naturally all who want to see history taught fairly will resent such attacks and attempts to stir up dead issues. No fair minded historian has ever questioned the ability of Davis and the cause to which he devoted his best efforts needs no apologists to lament the error of the men who espoused it nor is there a place for detractors of small calibre to use their venomous tongues or pens.

An organization calling itself the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment has begun the publication of a press bulletin. The first of these is devoted to deplored the awful condition that is becoming prevalent among the women, girls and young boys as a result of national prohibition. However, it says that it is opposed to the return of the saloon but it does not say just how the drinks would be dispensed, if there were no saloons to do the selling. It ignores the fact that the whiskey traffic committed suicide by its refusal to obey the law and by its baleful dominion of politics. Its repentance comes too late to be accepted without several grains of salt.

From all reports the hustling city of Duncan is preparing to put the big pot into the little one when he newspaper men of the state gather there for the annual Spring meeting next month. We hope to be in a position to give a personal account of the event when it is over. These meetings are veritable reunions with the newspaper fraternity, although some familiar faces are missed each time and new ones take their place. This is one occasion when politics is forgotten and every member is thinking only of the organization and eager to shake hands again with the bunch. The editor who does not attend one of these meetings is missing something worth while.

We are in receipt of a circular letter from the New York stock exchange explaining the other side of the shakeup given the speculators and gamblers in Piggly Wiggly stock by Saunders of Memphis. We don't know the ins and outs of the deal, but the fact remains that the bunch was caught napping and when they woke up to the situation took to the tall timber. Naturally the sympathy of the common run of people is with Saunders whatever the merits of the case may be.

THE EDUCATIONAL SURVEY

The recent discussion of the state educational institutions has brought before the people the educational survey made in 1922 by a party of educators from other states. This party spent several weeks in the state and then additional time in going over the situation and making out the report.

There seems to be an impression that this survey advises the discontinuance of some of the state teachers colleges, but such is not the case. On the contrary the report advises keeping all the teachers colleges and larger appropriations to permit them to do the work even better than they are now doing it. The teachers colleges are praised for the work they are doing, handicapped as they are by inadequate buildings and in some instances too small faculties.

On page 235 of the survey these sentences are found: "The state of Oklahoma is to be commended for establishing six state schools for trains of teachers. Some state as large and populous have not as many."

On page 190, it is recommended that East Central State Teachers College be given \$150,000 for the next year for "operation and upkeep". A larger or smaller or the same amount is recommended for each of the other five colleges.

"These estimates do not include appropriations for summer terms, extension work, experiment station and research work, hospital, and other necessary items. Additional amounts should be included for such purposes."

On page 188 we find this sentence: "It is recommended that for land and buildings at each institution approximately the following sums be made available ANNUALLY for ten years." Following this the sum of \$125,000 is the suggested amount for each of the six teachers colleges, or \$1,250,000 to be spent at each school for buildings the next decade.

The support does recommend the abolition of some of the state schools. The survey emphasizes the need for better prepared teachers for rural schools, and recognizes that these teachers must be prepared in the teachers colleges. In this connection the survey says:

"It is doubtless true in Oklahoma as it is in some other states that the teachers colleges are inadequately supported; that they are not turning out as many teachers as the state needs; that, therefore, the prepared teachers can get positions in towns and cities and do not as school officials say, 'need to go into the country schools.' But this does not excuse the state for shirking its responsibility to country children. That salaries for rural teachers are too low to be attractive is the fault in part (not wholly as explained in the section on school support) of the rural people. That standards are so low that prepared teachers do not need to go into the rural schools is the fault of the state in which its teacher preparing institutions must share. The state should set up and enforce standards for teaching certificates; the normal schools must assume certain responsibilities toward setting these standards and preparing teachers to meet them, and must help the rural people to realize their educational needs, as well as prepare teachers to meet them."

This is the age of propaganda. Public opinion, when aroused, is irresistible, hence men and women in all walks of life strive to get the ear of the public and influence its opinions this way or that way sometimes in a sincere effort to make the world better, but more often to realize some ulterior motive. The result is that the public is kept in a constant state of unrest by conflicting propagandists as they tell the world in every conceivable manner that the adoption of their particular panacea is the only chance to keep it from going to the dogs. No matter what a man preaches, he can get followers and when his bunch gets into action and dozens more with different ideas meet there is a general mixup which does nothing but harm. Propaganda is now a fine art and the artists in this line are responsible for a great deal of trouble.

And now the "progressives" say they are going to draft Henry Ford as their candidate for the presidency next year. As an element of the Democratic party has been insisting on making him the standard bearer of that party, it looks like there may be something of a race to see who gets him first. Ford has never been much of a party man and would probably not care much which of the parties nominated him. However, it is not likely that the former Bull Moosers will make much headway in naming the next Republican nominee, since old guard is too well entrenched to be routed.

An American snob is receiving some unpleasant notoriety in connecting with his ambition to get into high society. He was told that a sure way to attain his ambition was to get an invitation to the wedding of a son of the king of England which is to occur soon, and that this could be obtained by the payment of \$25,000. He wrote to the king tendering the money so the story goes, but has not yet received word that it was accepted.

Press dispatches tell of the death of another man who captured Jefferson Davis. The public is beginning to wonder just how many it took to effect that capture, anyway. The government was paying rewards to his captors for 25 years after the event occurred and since then the number who have died would have made an army large enough to capture Lee's army in its best days.

Former Governor Bilbo has been sent to jail for 30 days on a plea of guilty of contempt of federal court. Bilbo was summoned as a witness in a suit of a very salacious nature brought by a young woman against the present governor of Mississippi and Bilbo preferred going to jail to being mixed up in the affair. Some nerve.

The Afton American does not take much stock in the stories of the curse of the Pharaohs in connection with the death of bold explorers who violate their tombs. It remarks that if curses killed, no newspaper men would be alive today.

Pessimists may dwell at length on the fact that there are spots on the face of the sun, but just now the optimists who look forward to a prosperous year are enjoying the warm rays of the sun the fullest extent.

The public is protesting, the government is investigating but the price of sugar goes up just the same.

EDITOR'S OWN COLUMN

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the eastern markets was ample, and the market is closing a little stronger.

Withdrawals of poultry from storage have been heavier during the week, due to lighter receipts of fresh poultry, and owners are feeling a little more optimistic about the final outcome.

SWIFT & COMPANY

Fruit Fruit Yield Probable.

Stillwater—Despite the severe freeze late in March which at the time was believed virtually to have wiped out Oklahoma's 1922 fruit crop, state orchards were less damaged than was feared and even yet give promise of a fair yield, according to reports collected by D. C. Mooring, horticultural specialist with the extension division of the A. and M. College. The reports were collected through county agents and fruit growers representing every section of the state.

Apples, Mooring's reports show apparently were unharmed by the late freeze, with prospects now of a full crop this year; the cherry crop still in good, and blackberries and grapes have sustained little damage. Among peaches, the Elberta variety was hardest hit by late frost, the main peach growing section, centering in Logan county, promising no more than 15 percent yield of that variety. Other varieties, particularly early bearing trees, were less damaged and some sections escaped more lightly than central Oklahoma, southeastern counties for example, reporting prospects of a 50 percent yield for all peaches.

A summary of detailed reports from northeastern Oklahoma show the following percentages of crops not killed: Apples 93, peaches 41, pears 52, plums 44, cherries 71, apricots 42, blackberries 93, grapes 97, strawberries 85.

Percentages believed to have escaped late frosts in northwestern Oklahoma are: Apples 98, peaches 88, pears 24, plums 55, plums 48, cherries 85, apricots 50, blackberries 100, grapes 97, strawberries 85.

For central Oklahoma, prospective yields in percentages of normal, remaining are: Apples 89, peaches 26, pears 14, plums 29, cherries 72, apricots 23, blackberries 92, grapes 93, strawberries 86.

For southeastern Oklahoma: Apples 93, peaches 50, pears 63, plums 57, cherries 82, apricots 40, blackberries 95, grapes 94, strawberries 78.

For southwestern Oklahoma: Apples 84, peaches 38, pears 37, plums 29, cherries 83, apricots 8, blackberries 91, grapes 87.

Squaw Corn Is Good.

Muskogee—If you want corn, the Squaw variety is hard to beat, according to John M. White, farm demonstration agent for Muskogee county. This variety, long favored by the Indians, frequently makes better yields than larger varieties under unfavorable conditions on upland fields, White says.

Agent Hill says that the cotton acreage will be considerably increased this year. He fears that some will not plant as much feed as they should and calls attention to the fact that if a man expects to raise hogs, chickens and other livestock he had better put in quite a bit of feed this year, especially kafir, milo, feterita, etc. The reason for this suggestion is that for about the first time in recent years four good corn crops have been made in succession. Under the law of averages a bad crop is due already, hence it behoves one to play safe by planting something else along with his corn, thus getting two chances at a feed crop instead of one.

Mr. Hill says that a few say they are going to use calcium arsenite in fighting the boll weevils, but that most of the cotton growers plan to depend on cultivation.

Hog shipments in Pontotoc county since January 1 have been about a car a day and at present prices this means anywhere from \$1,100 to \$1,300, depending, of course, on the quality of the hogs and market. According to figures gathered by J. B. Hill for the first three months of the year, Roff shipped 9 cars, Allen 20, Lula 3 and Stonewall 17. From Ada the Farmers Union Exchange has shipped 25 or 26 cars and at least 8 or 10 more have been shipped by other parties. It will be noted that figures for Vansoss, Francis and Fitzhugh are not included in the above figures and I have no idea how many went from those places, but it is certain that some did. Then good many hogs raised in this county were shipped from Hickory and possibly some from Stratford. From this it will be seen that in course of a year the receipts from this source will total around \$300,000.

17 chickens drop too low in price this summer to make their sale profitable, housewives can do quite a bit of saving by canning them. Mrs. Duvall and her club workers did quite a bit of this last year and it was fine, as I can testify from eating some that my better half canned for emergency use when something might be needed quickly for a meal.

Oakman has recently fenced its school ground and put out a row of shade trees along the road. Some flower beds have also been spaded up and a fine start made towards beautifying the place. Oakman district has one of the best schools houses of its size in the county and the citizens take a pride in their school that is truly commendable.

As an indication of the interest taken in the home demonstration work of the county Mrs. Duvall on a recent Saturday had 51 callers at her office from among the ladies and girls of various parts of the county.

We have read and heard much

of late about the cow, the sow and the hen. Monday afternoon, after the paper had gone to press, Mrs. Norrell and I made a flying trip to a farm where these three allies of mankind are thriving and making a family prosperous, though not rich. This was the farm at Ahleso operated by Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Roberson and their two boys. Feeling the need of a larger income than afforded by his crops last October the family decided to give more attention to dairying. They started with three cows and since then have bought and paid for as nice a bunch of cows as can be found in the county. They are now milking twelve and expect to increase the herd to 20. At first they made and sold butter, but later turned their attention to shipping cream. At the present time the receipts from cream sales amount to about \$4.50 per day, the feed is costing about \$1.30 per day, leaving a fair margin for their investment and work. And that is not all the story. Calves sold and on hand represent another \$100 or more. Then comes the sow. Mr. Roberson has a fine bunch of Durocs. He has realized a little more than \$79 from the sale of hogs since October, besides what he killed for home use. They cost very little to raise, for milk was their principal feed. His January pigs are fat and growing at a rate that will make good money in a short time. Of course the chickens thrive on milk and their egg sales are around a dollar for every day in the week.

We were on hand at milking time and saw Mr. Roberson fill a three gallon bucket from his best cow. He said she gives the same quantity in the morning, and that her milk tests 8 per cent. None of his cows falls below 5 per cent.

Mr. Roberson is on a leased place, but is making good with his dairy. He does not brag about a high bank account yet, but is not losing sleep about having an overdue note in any bank, for he has paid his way as he went.

Of course the work is rather confining, since the cows must be milked regularly and the milk cared for on schedule time, and while it is no soft snap the family is well pleased with the results so far obtained.

Mr. Roberson is the first man I have ever run across who had a good word to say for the English sparrow. A lot of these birds are nesting about his place and he said that last summer he saw droves of them in his cotton, going over every stalk in search of food. On the part of the field where the birds ranged the cotton yield at the rate of half a bale per acre, but farther away it did not amount to much. He is convinced that they ate the weevils, so he is not making any effort to get rid of the sparrows.

Just now the woods present a most inviting picture with the leaves and blossoms just coming out. Then the green fields of alfalfa and small grain add much to the attractiveness of rural scenery. The farmers are hard at work and corn will soon be making a showing.

Some of my farmer friends tell me that a few of their number are having trouble to plant corn over. The dry weather together with the late northerns has been very unfavorable to an early start.

Hardware dealers of Ada have sold a lot of incubators this year. One of them told me that his firm had ordered a number of machines early in the year, thinking that they had an ample supply, but could have sold another dozen if they had had them. More chickens and eggs will be shipped from Pontotoc county this year than ever before. Chicken raising has gained in importance since the boll weevil made his appearance.

Cotton classing schools being held at different points over the state by classes from the Oklahoma Cotton Growers' Association are proving highly successful. Great interest is reported as being shown by members who attend the schools and many intelligent questions are asked regarding the operations of the association.

Methods of handling and classing cotton are brought out very clearly at the schools and the relative values of the different grades and methods of accounting as well as the classing work are thoroughly covered.

New schedules are announced as follows: Elmer, Friday, April 20; and at Blair Saturday, April 21.

Chickasha, Monday, April 23; Rush Springs, Tuesday, April 24; Marlow, Wednesday, April 25; Comanche, Thursday, April 26; Waurika, Friday, April 27; Ryan, Saturday, April 28.

Hastings, Monday, April 30; Apache, Tuesday, May 1; Lawton, Wednesday, May 2; Oklahoma, Thursday, May 3; Chattanooga, Friday, May 4; Randlett, Saturday, May 5; Walters, Monday, May 7.

Muskogee, Monday, April 16; Fort Gibson, Tuesday, April 17; Braggs, Wednesday, April 18; Muldrow, Thursday, April 19; Salina, Friday, April 20; Vian, Saturday, April 21.

Wagoner, Monday, April 23; Okmulgee, Tuesday, April 24; Boggs, Wednesday, April 25; Weleetka, Thursday, April 26; Okemah, Friday, April 27; Padon, Saturday, April 28; Bristol, Monday, April 30; Depew, Tuesday, May 1; Mannford, Wednesday, May 2.

OKLAHOMA MEN TO FACE CHARGE OF TAKING FUNDS

Correspondence

WILSON

Our Sunday school is progressing nicely. Why don't more old people come out and take part? We can have Sunday school just the same as any other place so, why not come out and do your best?

T. F. Beller was in Ada Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Beller and little son L. W. were the Sunday guests of the later's mother Mrs. Ada Hall.

John Crabtree wife and little daughter Lorene went to Roff Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Edna Nail spent Saturday afternoon with Mrs. Gertie Fussell.

The party at Mr. Holbrook's was well attended Saturday night.

Jeff Fussell and Wess Nail made made posts Saturday morning.

COTTON WOOD

Garvin County

Brother Smith filled his appointment Sunday. Every one enjoyed his sermon.

Brother Johnson was also out and gave a nice short talk.

Miss Dora Palmer and sister Bessie returned from Purcell Saturday reported a nice time.

Miss Ester Sutherland was the Saturday night guest of Dora Palmer.

Elva McAffery was the afternoon guest of Bessie Palmer Sunday.

May Hendrix was the all day guest of Dora Palmer Sunday.

Opal Gosnell and Hazel Gosnell were the Sunday guests of Grace Hendrix, also Eva McAffery.

Some of the farmers are still planting corn.

The oats that were frozen are coming out good and wheat is growing nicely.—Gray Eyes.

UNION HILL

Farming is the order of the day around here and everyone was glad to the shower that came Thursday.

Quite a crowd went to Walnut Grove Monday night. Among them were Pearl and Jennie Palmer, Sammie and Gracie Dwight, also Gladys Roddy.

Mrs. A. M. Adams has been on the sick list but is reported better.

Ruby and Opal Cowan, Ettie May and Fay Yancey and Pearl Palmer were the guests of Edith and Ivy Roddy Sunday.

Our school closed Friday and as the weather was so bad Friday night we didn't get to have our program but will have it next Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Rushing of Ada were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ward Sunday.

Lee Keeling, Gracie and Frank Roddy, Martha and Vadis Adams and Artie Hood was visiting Jennie and Willie Palmer Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Keeling of Worstell were visiting friends and relatives Friday night.

Mrs. Palmer was the guest of her daughter Mrs. Whitson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Bottoms and family attended the wedding of Miss Pearl Conner and Mr. Horton Sunday.

Don't forget the program Friday night. Everybody come and bring someone with you.—A Sweet bunch of onion tops.

FRANKS

The rain last week was appreciated by everyone.

Singing was well attended Sunday night. A large crowd present.

Fred Bolin and Hermon Sutherland returned to Texas after a few day's visit with home folks.

Mr. Bolin entertained the young folks Friday night with a party.

Mr. Jones and wife and Mrs. Kidwell made a business trip to Stonewall Saturday.

There is going to be an all-day singing and dinner on the ground Sunday. Everyone invited—none slighted.

Tom Jones and family called on Billy Jones and family Saturday night.

Lesley Voyles of Frisco was in this community Sunday night.

Ruth Cross called on Neoma Stewart Sunday.

Miss Ethel Norris visited her sister the past week. Mrs. Florence Hugie.

Mr. and Mrs. Malone of Stonewall were in Franks Sunday afternoon.

Will Chambers and Columbus Stewart went to Onward Sunday morning.

Miss Stella Kitchens was the guest of Kennie Crass Sunday.

Sherman Chambers and family called on his mother Sunday.

Mrs. Harrison who has been sick for several months is not improving at this writing.

Miss Velma Elma Byrd of Hickory Hill attended singing Sunday night.

Tom Jones went to Ada Sunday.

Mr. Bolin motored to Ada Wednesday.

John Massey of Lovelady is visiting relatives in this community.

Peek Cunningham's cousin is visiting him.

One of the teachers of Blue Mound, Miss Clark, attended the party Friday night at Mr. Bolin's.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamby Snider visited her mother and father last week. Mr. and Mrs. Littlefield.

Mrs. Minnie Lynch and Mrs. Effie Lee were in the home of Mrs. Billy Jones Sunday afternoon.—Two Loving Chums.

UNION HILL

We are having some rainy weather. Which is appreciated by all the farmers.

Little Eulice Whitson has been on the sick list for the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Yancey were visiting relatives in Center Sunday.

Mrs. Jim Roddy and little daughter Hazel visited her mother Sunday evening.

Mrs. Ida Yancey and family visit-

ed her sister Mrs. Cora Dodson Sunday. Miss Grace Dwight, Gladys Roddy and Martha Adams, and Artie Hood visited Miss Virginia Palmer Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Keeling of Worstell visited relatives here Friday and Saturday.

There will be an entertainment at Union Hill Friday night, everyone come and bring someone with you.

Ettie May and Fay Yancey and Miss Pearl Palmer visited Misses Edith and Ira Roddy, Sunday.

Mrs. Palmer visited her daughter Mrs. Dora Whitson Sunday.

Mrs. Elmer Yancey was the evening guest at Mrs. Roy Yancey Monday.

Mrs. Palmer and Mrs. Jess Roddy were shopping in Bebee Monday evening.

Mrs. Della Yancey was the Sunday evening guest of Mrs. Dora Whitson.

Quite a bunch of the young folks were to singing at Egypt Sunday night.

Mrs. Raines and Mrs. Bethel of Beebe also Mrs. Dwight visited Mrs. Whitson Wednesday evening.

Come on Egypt, with your items we like to hear from you.

BLUE EYES.

CENTER.

Brother Crossland filled his regular appointment Sunday and Sunday night.

Everybody was glad to see the rain.

Jewell Copeland, Clarice Taylor, Zona Turner and Estelle Eddings spent the week-end with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. John Grindstaff visited Mr. and Mrs. C. McIory Sunday.

Church was well attended Sunday night and several from Pickett and Ada were there.

Mrs. Bradley has returned from Vanoss where she has been visiting her sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Dame are the proud parents of a fine baby boy. Mr. Cantrell from Pickett was in Center Monday.

Misses Zana and Pearl Perry were in Center Monday.

The home and community workers will meet at Mrs. Bradley's Wednesday, April 25, at 2:30.

Bud Owens was in Center Monday.

Lonza Tilly and family of Vanoss were shopping in Center Saturday.

A. W. Champion left Sunday for Ponca City.—HAPPY KIDS.

FITZHUGH.

Singing was well attended Sunday night.

Jim Barton is now able to be up, after, several days of illness with the "Flu."

Miss Lona Oiphint was the guest of Misses Cleo and Alta Simmons Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Babe Barton spent the week end with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Clint Thompson of Shawnee, has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Al Thompson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Braselton gave a dance Saturday night in honor of Preston Wesson, Ray Melton, Misses Hattie Walby, Vera Melton, R. E. Wesson, Bill Nichols and Lena Moore.

J. G. Henry, J. H. Simmons, O. A. Holloway and Abe Fine left Monday to go on a fishing trip. We wish them good luck.

There was a dance at Mr. and Mrs. Kid Freeny's Saturday night.

Mrs. Woodard's condition is reported better.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Simmons made a flying trip to Roff Sunday afternoon.

Misses Lura Oiphint, Cleo Simmons and friends made a flying trip to Sulphur.

The young people sure do miss Drue Oiphint, they always welcome him home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Williams spent Sunday afternoon with his parents.—SMILES.

FRANCIS.

Dave Patterson's barn, 75 bushels of corn and about 70 bales of hay were lost by fire Tuesday night of last week and the cause was, it is thought, incendiarism. If fire bugs are around here it is hoped that they will be arrested and punished as they deserve.

The electric lights were turned on Wednesday night of last week and our business houses look bright and new.

Eric Rushing is now erecting a garage at his residence for his car.

The last rain and the warm weather following has caused everything to come out and the trees are putting on their robes of green.

E. M. Johnson, city marshal of Francis, is now preparing to call the men out to work the streets. He will begin work this week.

It is still being talked around here that the strike will soon be settled but we can not positively find out about the matter.

F. B. Hammon's baby is very ill this week, but the last report is that it is getting better.

Mr. Jack Barnes is still very ill. Nothing to report on the Justice Court this week. Moonshine has played out and the gamblers are gone to the woods.

AHLOSO.

The singing at the school house Saturday night was well attended.

Miss Ella Rowe and Tom Cooper were married April 12th. We wish them much joy and happiness.

Mrs. Irene Hutchings and little daughter Marguerite June have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Overstreet the past week.

Misses Annie and Bertha Brandon of the Union Valley community were in the Ahloso community Saturday night and Sunday.

Miss Alice Bryant of Ada was visiting in the Ahloso community Saturday night and Sunday.

Grant Hutchings is visiting his daughter in the Choctaw nation the past week on account of sickness.

Henry Hall has been visiting his parents on account of his father being pretty sick.

Jack Thompson visited Marvin

Farris Sunday morning.

Julius Robinson, Curtis Byrd, Marvin Farris, Cephas Lillard and Miss Mittle Hutchings visited Miss Ellon Thompson Sunday.

Charlie Sliger and wife visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. Thompson Sunday.

Amos Brandon and wife were in the Ahloso community Saturday night.

Mrs. Thompson and daughter Elion and Katherine Mildred visited Miss Mittle Hutchings Saturday.

Miss Ruth Young and Avril Stout visited Miss Ellon Thompson Sunday afternoon.

Ben Capps and family and Mrs. Minnie Hutchings and little Beatrice visited Mrs. Lomax Sunday.

Tom Cooper and wife visited Charlie Lillard Saturday night.

Luther Saylors and mother and Mrs. Oliver and family left Sunday for Arizona.

Miss Mittle Hutchings visited Mrs. Ella Cooper Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Little Ballard was shopping in Ada Saturday.

Ewing Williams and Jessie Norton were out joy riding Sunday.

Miss Etta Crump spent Friday night with Mrs. Myrtle Russell.

Miss Anna Norton and Mr. Andrew Ray were united in marriage Saturday afternoon. We wish them a happy married life.

Mrs. Ida Rowe and family visited her mother in the Lovelady community Saturday night.

Tom Cooper and wife visited relatives and friends the past week.

Misses Annie Stout and Ruth Young visited Mrs. Lovelady Sunday.

Grant Hutchings returned this morning from his visit and has reported the burnt child was some better.

Arthur Bradford and Tom and Brez Chandler and Tom Abbott were in Ada Saturday.

Tink Bevel and granddaughter Suelin White of Ada were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bevel Sunday.

Charlie Trout of Stonewall was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jones Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Bailey were visiting in the New Bethel community Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones were shopping in Ada Friday.

Misses Zana and Pearl Perry were in Center Monday.

The party at Mr. and Mrs. Henry Chandler's was well attended. Those present were Messrs. Ivan, Grady and Braz Chandler, Ed, Ted and Odie Bevels, Arthur Bradford, Sterling Jones, Joe Bailey, Charlie Turner, Lloyd Cline, John Palmer, Earl Neel and Escal Myers. Misses Novella and Lena Manley, Delta Myers, Lora South, Willie and Gladys Smith, Fay Turner and Lillian Smith.

We elected teachers at Sunday school Sunday. Mrs. O. L. Myers was elected teacher of the card class. Mrs. Jessie Manley intermediate class. Mrs. Allen Smith junior class. O. L. Myers teacher of the Bible class. Sunday school every Sunday at 10 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Brechein were shopping in Ada Friday.

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Desert Gold

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It scared me the way he got in front of Jose. I thanked my stars I wasn't up on Blanco Diablo. Well, Dad, I'm a little ashamed now, but I was mad. I slapped him across the face with my quirt. Jose jumped and knocked Mr. Chase into the sand. I didn't get the horse under control till I was out of sight of those surveyors, and then I let him run home."

"Well, I guess you punished the fellow enough. Maybe he's only a concealed softy. But I don't like that sort of thing. It isn't western."

"I'm sorry now, Dad. Perhaps the fellow was hurt. But what could I do? Let's forget all about it, and I'll be careful where I ride in the future. . . . Dad, what does it mean, this surveying around Forlorn River?"

"I don't know, Nell," replied Belding, thoughtfully. "It worries me. It looks good for Forlorn River, but bad for Dick's plan to irrigate the valley. Lord, I'd hate to have some one fore-stall Dick on that!"

"No, no, we won't let anybody have Dick's rights," declared Nell.

"Where have I been keeping myself not to know about these surveyors?" muttered Belding. "They must have just come."

Belding discovered that he was, indeed, the last man of consequence in Forlorn River to learn of the arrival of Ben Chase and son, mine owners and operators in Sonora. They, with a force of miners, had been besieged by rebels and finally driven off their property. This property was not destroyed, but held for ransom. And the Chases, pending developments, had packed outfit and struck for the border. Casita had been their objective point, but, for some reason which Belding did not learn, they had arrived instead at Forlorn River. It had taken Ben Chase just one day to see the possibilities of Altar valley, and in three days he had men at work.

Belding returned home without going to see the Chases and their operations. He wanted to think over the situation. Next morning he went out to the valley to see for himself. Mexicans were hastily erecting adobe houses upon Ladd's one hundred and sixty acres, upon Dick Gale's, upon Jim Lash's and Thorne's. There were men staking the valley floor and the river bed. That was sufficient for Belding. He turned back toward town and headed for the camp of these intruders.

He came to a big tent with a huge canvas fly stretched in front, under which sat several men in their shirt sleeves. They were talking and smoking.

"My name's Belding. I want to see this Mr. Chase," said Belding, gruffly.

Slow-witted as Belding was, and absorbed in his own feelings, he yet saw plainly that his advent was disturbing to those men. One of them, a tall, rugged man with sharp face and shrewd eyes and white hair, got up and offered his hand.

"I'm Chase, senior," he said. "My son Radford Chase is here somewhere. You're Belding, the line inspector, I take it? I meant to call on you."

He seemed a rough-and-ready, loud-spoken man, without cordial enough.

"Yes, I'm the inspector," replied Belding, ignoring the proffered hand, "and I'd like to know what in the h—l you mean by taking up land claims—staked ground that belongs to my rangers?"

"Land claims?" slowly echoed Chase, studying his man. "We're taking up only unclaimed land."

"That's a lie. You couldn't miss the stakes."

"Well, Mr. Belding, as to that, I think my men did run across some staked ground. But we recognize only squatters. If your rangers think they've got property just because they drove a few stakes in the ground they're much mistaken. A squatter has to build a house and live on his land so long, according to law, before he owns it."

This argument was unanswerable, and Belding knew it.

"According to law!" exclaimed Belding. "Then you own up; you've jumped our claims."

"Mr. Belding, I'm a plain business man. I come along, I see a good opening. Nobody seems to have tenable grants. I stake out claims, locate squatters, start to build. It seems to me your rangers have overlooked certain precautions. That's unfortunate for them. I'm prepared to hold my



Mr. Chase, the West Would Fare Better and Last Longer If Men Like You Were Driven Out.

claim and to back all the squatters who work for me. If you don't like it you can carry the matter to Tucson. The law will uphold me."

"The law? Say, on this southwest border we haven't any law except a

man's word and a gun."

"Then you'll find United States law has come along with Ben Chase," replied the other, snapping his fingers.

"You're not a westerner?" queried Belding.

"No, I'm from Illinois."

"I thought the West hadn't bred you. I know your kind. You'd last a long time on the Texas border; now, wouldn't you? You're one of the land and water hogs that come to root in the West. Mr. Chase, the West would fare better and last longer if men like you were driven out."

"You can't drive me out."

"I'm not so sure of that. Wait till my rangers come back."

CHAPTER XIV

A Lost Son.

Time passed. The population of Forlorn River grew apace. Belding, who had once been the head of the community, found himself a person of little consequence. Even had he desired it he would not have had any voice in the selection of postmaster, sheriff, and a few other officials. The Chases divided their labors between Forlorn River and their Mexican gold mine, which had been restored to them. The desert trips between these two places were taken in automobiles. A month's time made the motor cars as familiar a sight in Forlorn River as they had been in Casita before the revolution.

Belding's wrath at the usurping Chases increased as he slowly realized his powerlessness to cope with such men. They were promoters, men of big interests and wide influence in the Southwest. The more they did for Forlorn River the less reason there seemed to be for his own grievance. He had to admit that it was personal; that he and Gale and the rangers would never have been able to develop the resources of the valley as these men were doing it.

April arrived with no news of the rangers. From Casita came vague reports of raiders in the Sonora country—reports impossible to verify until his Mexican rangers returned. When these men rode in, one of them, Gonzales, an intelligent and reliable half-breed, said he had met prospectors at the oasis. They had just come in on the Camino del Diablo, reported a terrible trip of heat and drought, and not a trace of the Yaqui's party.

"That settles it," declared Belding. "Yaqui never went to Sonora. He's circled round to the Devil's road, and the rangers, Mercedes, Thorne, the horses—they're afraid they have been lost in the desert. It's an old story on Camino del Diablo."

He had to tell Nell that, and it was an ordeal which left him weak.

Mrs. Belding listened to him, and was silent for a long time while she held the stricken Nell to her breast. Then she opposed his convictions with that quiet strength so characteristic of her arguments.

"But mother, they're gone seven weeks. Seven weeks! At the most I gave them six weeks. Seven weeks in the desert!"

"How do the Yaquis live?" she asked.

Belding could not reply to that, but he lay still in his bed. He had faith in his wife, though he could not in the least understand what he imagined was something mystic in her.

"Years ago when I was searching for my father I learned many things about this country," said Mrs. Belding.

"You can never tell how long a man may live in the desert. The fiercest, most terrible and inaccessible places often have their hidden oases. In his later years my father became a prospector. That was strange to me, for he never cared for gold or money. I learned that he was often gone in the desert for weeks, once for months. Then the time came when he never came back. That was years before I reached the southwest border and heard of him. Even then I did not for long give up hope of his coming back. I knew now—something tells me—indeed, it seems his spirit tells me—he was lost. But I don't have that feeling for Yaqui and his party. Yaqui has given Rojas the slip or has ambushed him in some trap. Probably that took time and a long journey into Sonora. The Indian is too wise to start back now over dry trails. He'll curb the rangers; he'll wait. I seem to know this, Dick. Nell, so be brave, patient. Dick Gale will come back to you."

That talk with the strong mother worked a change in Nell and in Belding. Nell, who had done little but brood and watch the west and take violent rides, seemed to settle into a waiting patience that was sad, yet serene. Belding, who had been breaking under the strain of worry, recovering himself so that to outward appearance he was his old self. He alone knew, however, that his humor was forced, and that the slow burning wrath he felt for the Chases was flaming into hate.

Belding argued with himself that if Ben Chase and his son, Radford, had turned out to be big men in other ways than in the power to carry on great enterprises he might have become reconciled to them. But the father was greedy, grasping, hard, cold; the son added to those traits an overbearing disposition to rule, and he showed a fondness for drink and cards. These men were developing the valley, to be sure, and a horde of poor Mexicans and many Americans were benefiting from that development; nevertheless, these Chases were operating in a way which proved they cared only for themselves.

Belding went to Casita with a number of his white thoroughbreds and shipped them to ranchers and horse-breeders in Texas. Then, being near the railroad, and having time, he went up to Tucson. There he learned some interesting particulars about the Chases. They had an office in the city; influential friends in the capitol. They were powerful men in the rapidly growing finance of the West.

They had interested the Southern Pacific railroad, and in the near future a branch line was to be constructed from San Felipe to Forlorn River. These details of the Chase development were insignificant when compared to a matter striking close home to Belding. His responsibility had been subtly attacked. A doubt had been cast upon his capability of executing the duties of immigration inspector to the best advantage of the state. Belding divined that this was only an entering wedge. The Chases were bent upon driving him out of Forlorn River; but, perhaps to serve better their own ends, they were proceeding at leisure. Belding returned home consumed by rage. But he controlled it. For the first time in his life he was afraid of himself. He had his wife and Nell to think of; and the old law of the West had gone forever.

"Come in, and let mother and Nell make you comfortable. Of course you'll stay. We've a big house. You must stay till Dick comes back. Maybe that'll be—Aw, I guess it won't be long. . . . Let me handle the baggage, Mr. Gale. . . . Come in. I am glad to meet you all."

Eager, excited, delighted, Belding went on talking as he ushered the Gales into the sitting-room, presenting them in his hearty way to the astounded Mrs. Belding and Nell. For the space of a few moments his wife and daughter were bewildered. When the Gales had been shown to rooms Mrs. Belding gained the poise momentarily lost; but Nell came rushing back, wilder than a deer, in a state of excitement strange even for her.

"Oh! Dick's mother, his sister!" whispered Nell. "Oh, I knew it! I always guessed it! Dick's people are proud, rich; they're somebody. I thought it faint when she looked at me. She was just curious—curious, but so cold and proud. She was wondering about me. Dick has never written her that he's—engaged to me. I'm wearing his ring. It was his mother's, I guess. I said, 'I won't—I can't take it off. And I'm scared. . . . But the sister—oh, she's lovely and sweet—proud, too. I felt warm all over when she looked at me. I—I wanted to kiss her. She looks like Dick when he first came to us. But he's changed. They'll hardly recognize him. . . . To think they've come! And I had to be looking a fright, when all of times on earth I want to look my best."

Nell, out of breath, ran away evidently to make herself presentable, according to her idea of the exigency of the case. Belding caught a glimpse of his wife's face as she went out, and it wore a sad, strange, anxious expression.

Presently the Gales came back into the sitting-room, looking very different without the long gray cloaks and veils. Belding saw distinction and elegance. Mr. Gale seemed a grave, troubled, kindly person. Ill in body and mind, Belding received the same impression of power that Ben Chase had given him, only here it was minus any hardness or hard quality. He said that didn't make any difference. Then I called him a fool.

"Next time he saw me he said he must explain. He meant I was being true to a man who, everybody on the border knew, had been lost in the desert. That—that hurt. Maybe—maybe it's true. Sometimes it seems terribly true. Since then, of course, I have stayed in the house to avoid being hurt again. I feel like a poor little rabbit holed by a hound. And I daren't peep out."

Somehow the thing struck Belding as funny, and he laughed. He had not had a laugh for so long that it made him feel good. He stopped only at sight of Nell's surprise and pain.

Then he put his arms around her.

"Never mind, dear. I'm an old bear. Nell, it's only the old story. The fellows fall in love with you. It's your

fault, I'm afraid."

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By Bud Fisher

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Just Received, New Shipment of Summer Hats: including Baby Bonnets and Hats for Grandmother \$1.00 up Mrs. Sydney King AT BURK'S STYLE SHOP

Legal Notices

NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND BY SHERIFF UNDER FORECLOSURE

Notice is hereby given, that in pursuance of an order of sale issued out of the District court of Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, on the 13th day of April, 1923, in an action wherein J. M. Fife was plaintiff and Tonkawa Lavender, R. Frank Lavender, the Conservative Loan Company and R. C. Freemyre were defendants, directed to me the undersigned Sheriff of Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, commanding me to advertise and sell the following described property to-wit:

The Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 33, and the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 34, all in township 3 North, Range 5 East, containing 80 acres of land in Pontotoc County, Oklahoma.

To satisfy a judgment and decree of foreclosure in favor of said plaintiff and, against said defendants obtained and made in said court on the 9th day of October, 1922, for the sum of \$1800.00; \$180.00 attorney's fee and costs in the sum of \$12.45 and accruing cost with interest at the rate of 10 per cent per annum from the 1st day of December, 1920; I will on the 21st day of May, 1923, at the hour of 2:00 o'clock P. M., of said day, at the front door of the Court House, in the city of Ada, in said county and State, offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash the said property above described or so much thereof as will satisfy said judgment with interest and cost. Witness my hand this the 18th day of April, 1923.

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By P. H. DEAL, Under Sheriff.

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J. I. McCARTHY,
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Order for Hearing Petition to Sell Real Estate by Administrator State of Oklahoma, Pontotoc County, ss.

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Now on this 18th day of April 1923, J. O. Abney having filed here in his petition for the sale of the real estate described in said petition for reasons in said petition stated.

It is ordered, that said petition be and hereby is set for hearing on

the 18th day of May, A. D. 1923, at 10 o'clock a. m., at which time all persons interested in said estate are required to appear show cause, if any they have, why an order should not be granted for the sale of so much of the real estate of said wards above named as is necessary for the reasons in said petition stated.

It is further ordered, that a copy of this order be published for three successive issues in the Ada Weekly News of Ada, Oklahoma.

(Seal) TAL CRAWFORD,
4-19-3tw County Judge

NOTICE OF Sheriff's Sale of Land
Land Foreclosure

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Publisher's Statement

Statement of the ownership, management, circulation, etc., required by the act of congress of August 24, 1912.

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State of Oklahoma, county of Pontotoc, ss. Before me, a notary public in and for the state and county aforesaid, personally appeared W. D. Little, who, having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the manager of the Ada Weekly News and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management, circulation, etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, embodied in section 443, Postal Laws and Regulations, printed on the reverse of this form, to-wit:

1. That the names and addresses of the publisher, editor, managing editor, and business managers are:

Publisher, News Pub. and Ptg. Co., Ada, Oklahoma; editor Byron Norrell; managing editor, Byron Norrell, Ada, Okla.; business managers, W. D. Little, Ada, Okla.

2. That the owners are: News Publishing and Printing company, Ada, Okla.; W. D. Little, Ada, Okla.; Byron Norrell, Ada, Okla.; Tom D. McKeown, Ada, Okla.; J. F. McKeel, Ada, Okla.; B. H. Epperson, Ada, Okla.

3. That the known bondholders, mortgagees, and other security holders owning or holding 1 percent or more of total amount of bonds, mortgages, or other securities are: None.

4. That the two paragraphs next above, giving the names of the owners, stockholders, and security holders, if any, contain not only the list of stockholders and security holders as they appear upon the books of the company but also, in case where the stockholder or security holder appears upon the books of the company as trustee or in any other fiduciary relation, the name of the person or corporation for whom such trustee is acting, is given; also that the said two paragraphs contain statements embracing all facts material to the circumstances and conditions to-wit: Cash in hand upon confirmation of the court.

Said sale to be held in the County Court Room of Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, at the time above stated.

Dated this 17th day of April, 1923.

MARY E. CRANFORD, Guardian

4-19-1t

Notice to Stockholders of Pontotoc Custom Gin Co.

W. D. LITTLE, Manager. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of April, 1923.

(Seal) LOMA AGNEW, Notary Public. My commission expires June 1, 1926.

Cans manufacturers are using

apple wood to a great extent in the

making of this sportive accessory.

STATE SWEET POTATO CROP SHOWING GAIN

WANT ADS

Take Care.
that picture by having C. A. Gunn
mines to frame it for you. 3-15-ct

FOR SALE—Two fresh cows, one
mile northwest of Oakman—L. E.
Hutchison. 4-19-2tw*

Chickens wanted, located at old
Ada Hide and Produce stand. Phone
17, Ada Poultry and Egg Co.
3-15-6mo*

YOUR BIG OPPORTUNITY! Sell
the original J. R. Watkins Line;
best for over fifty years, known ev-
erywhere. Every product a seller
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in Ada for a live hustler. Be first.
Write today for free samples and
particulars. J. R. Watkins Co. Dept.
87, Kansas City, Mo. 4-5-4tw*

THESE PEOPLE WANTED
SEIBERLING CORDS
We are overstocked on slightly
used tires. Mostly Fords tubes,
while they last 75c—Ada Service
and Filling Station. 4-12-3tw

CONNER APPOINTED TO CONSERVATION OFFICE

OKLAHOMA CITY, April 13.—In the course of 184 individually requested inspections of seed sweet potatoes, made in southern and eastern parts of the state by T. B. Gordon, state entomologist; not one instance of sweet potato weevil infestation was found, according to John A. Whitehurst, president of the state board of agriculture.

Gordon reported, however, that he found a slightly increased percentage of stem rot, according to Whitehurst. The agricultural board president said he considers this due to the fact that in the campaigns waged against black rot, root rot and "scurf" the danger of stem rot has been lost sight of.

"Stem rot can only be determined from the vine by the grower and the farmers have not 'roughed' their sweet potato fields in due time to discover this evil to their industry," said Whitehurst.

"A vine showing yellow leaves and stem is nearly always an indication that stem rot is appearing, and should be pulled up and destroyed."

Another indication that the sweet potato growers of Oklahoma are making forward steps in production, according to Whitehurst, is seen in the fact that many of the progressive planters are abandoning the old methods of storage in bins and boxes and are using baskets and crates.

Besides the inspections made by Entomologist Gordon, W. J. Lackey, state seed analyst, has also made a number of inspections, and this, together with the work of county agents, leads Whitehurst to the conclusion that state sweet potato growing sections have been appropriately covered this spring, he said.

CUSHING MAN BUYS COMPRESS AT ADA

From a reliable source the News is informed that J. H. Bellis of Cushing has bought the compress here and will take steps at once to put it into condition to operate this fall. Mr. Bellis had contemplated building a new compress here, but later made the deal for the old one.

Conner was endorsed for the corporation commission by the Farmer-Labor convention at Shawnee, but he withdrew from the race and his support was thrown to Carter.

Ben Davis, who has been chief conservation officer for several years, resigned, according to an announcement by the commission.

WORLD WAR VETERANS PROTEST PARDON CLAIM

CINCINNATI, April 14.—A vigorous protest was telegraphed today to President Harding against the pardon of thirteen Cincinnati socialists, whose conviction on charges of conspiracy to obstruct the draft is now pending in the supreme court of the United States. The telegram was signed by Commander Milton Campbell of the Robert Bentley post of the American Legion and declared that it was being sent on behalf of the world war veterans in Cincinnati.

Trouble springs from idleness, and grievous tolls from needless causes.



PERSONALS

(From Thursday's Daily)
Judge A. L. Bullock of Roff, formerly county attorney here, was in the city today after recovering from an attack of flu.

Mrs. Cora Riddle of Dallas is moving back to Ada and will assist Mrs. Geo. Harrison at the Needle Craft Shop.

Prof. B. A. Pratt, head of the boys club work of the state, was in Ada this afternoon. Under Mr. Pratt's guidance, the club work has made great progress during the past two years.

Mrs. Cecil Dickerson who has been seriously ill at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. West on South Broadway was taken to the University hospital Wednesday morning where she will undergo an operation. She was accompanied by her husband and mother. Mrs. Dickerson was formerly Miss Ruby West.

(From Friday's Daily)
Mrs. M. T. Smith of Ardmore is here on her way to Mrs. A. J. Walker on South Francis.

Julian Allen, who is now making his home in Tulsa, is visiting his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Allen, at the corner of Eighteenth and Townsend.

J. O. McMinn, who lives four miles west of Ada, was in the city Thursday afternoon and was delighted when he heard that the East Central bill had been signed. He and Fred F. Bryd was the last Ada citizens to see Governor Walton and tell him of the urgent need of the boys and girls of this section for a teachers college at Ada.

(From Sunday's Daily)
Col. J. W. Davis was over from his farm near Allen Saturday.

Miss Dorothy Crumley of Roff was a track meet visitor Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Dowdy of Roff were in the city Saturday.

Oliver Vernon, teacher in the Okemah high school, is spending the week-end with relatives here.

Supt. G. W. Cavnar of Frisco was in Ada Saturday. He stated that the Frisco school term closed Friday.

Bert Brown, who underwent an operation in a local hospital recently, had improved sufficiently to be taken home Saturday.

Miss Valletta Allen and Miss Watson of Roff are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Enloe here for the week-end.

Mrs. J. E. Reins of Sulphur were called Saturday to the bedside of their daughter, Mrs. Albert Bounds, who is in a local hospital.

F. M. Snyder states that corn is coming up very well in the extreme south end of the county but that he has heard of no cotton being planted yet.

J. H. Kuykendall reports the farmers around Lula in very good shape with their crops. He reports one man has already planted his cotton and more will be planted this week.

Rev. C. C. Morris returned Saturday afternoon from New Orleans where he attended a meeting of the trustees of the Baptist Bible Institute. He also visited his mother in Kentwood, La., and took in a part of the Confederate Reunion. He will go to Allen Sunday night to preach the commencement sermon of the Allen High school.

J. Henry Collins, who recently made a trip back to his old home in Mississippi, says that good roads are being built in all parts of that person to drive seventy-five or one person to drive seventy-five or one hundred miles without being bothered by bad roads. He says that the roads are not built so wide as some of them here are, and believes that is one way to cut down on the expense.

W. H. Ebey returned Friday evening from Oklahoma City. He reports that, so far as he is able to learn, there is little indication that a bill will be initiated to abolish any of the state schools. He believes there is no reason for Ada citizens to fear any other danger to the East Central State Teachers College. Even if the bill is initiated there is no indication that the Ada College will be included.

(From Monday's Daily)
Charlie Goddard of the Humble Oil Company was shaking hands with friends and looking over the oil situation here today. Mr. Goddard comes to Ada quite often and has many acquaintances here.

W. W. Gains, editor of the Sulphur Times, and Mrs. Gains were in the city for a few hours today. Mr. Gains says already campers and others in search of health and happiness are beginning to arrive in Sulphur.

A wire from Lieut. Charles Chauncey to his parents stated that he had made the flight from Ada to San Antonio in three hours, leaving Ada at 9:20 and arriving at his destination at 12:20. The distance is said to be about 500 miles.

C. L. McNutt, who at one time managed a co-operative store in Ada, has recently been selected secretary-manager of the Arkansas Farm Bureau with headquarters in Little Rock. For the last two years he has been in the marketing department of the agricultural extension work of the University of Arkansas.

Senator J. C. Looney expected to leave Ada this afternoon to locate in Wewoka for the practice of law. He has been engaged in that profession here while not serving in the senate since last summer, and is a talented and capable young attorney. He was one of the leaders in the state senate and has a wide acquaintance throughout the state. His many friends in this section will expect to see him rise rapidly in the growing oil city of Wewoka.

(From Tuesday's Daily)
Dick Davis, in the aviation corps at Mt. Clemens, Michigan, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Davis, south of Ada, returned after a short furlough.

Mr. and Mrs. Houston Mount are rejoicing over the arrival of their first born, a son, Houston Faust. Mrs. Mount is in the hospital. Their home is in Weleetka.

(From Wednesday's Daily)
Dale Boren of Lawton, who was forced to leave the college here on account of flu and pneumonia, is in town for a brief visit.

Col. George A. Wyatt, editor of the Idabel News at Idabel, Oklahoma, was in Ada today enroute to Idabel from Oklahoma City.

Mrs. Verne M. Clopton and children, Rosemary and Verne Jr., are here from Wichita Falls for a visit with her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Allen, South Townsend.

Ben S. Tolbert, formerly of this city, writes from Detroit, Michigan, that Detroit is booming. He says there is a shortage of labor of all kinds.

Captain W. H. Fisher returned late yesterday afternoon from New Orleans where he attended the annual Confederate reunion. Captain Fisher reported a royal time on the trip.

YEAGER

We had a very nice little rain last week.

We had a nice little singing at Yeager Sunday night.

Will Jervis took dinner with Ocie Harold last Sunday at Maxwell.

Zenobia Jervis of Yeager spent Sunday with her cousin with her cousin Daisy and Vivian Ledford of Maxwell.

We have singing at Yeager every Sunday and Wednesday night.

Everybody come that can.

Mrs. Griffin spent Monday living with Mrs. Zola Jervis.

Arch Cosby and family went to visit his son and daughter at Sevenshotter Saturday and Sunday.

—A Reader.

PARISH CHAPEL.

We had a little rain Thursday and Friday which made everybody feel better.

Singing at the school house was well attended Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Davidson and Uncle Wiley Davidson spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Johnny McEachen.

Miss Velma Dryden spent Sunday with Miss Blanche Wood.

Burris Horton and Miss Pearly Corners were quietly married Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgle Farmer and Mr. and Mrs. Alex Summers spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Claud Pennington.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Isaacs and Mrs. Willard Ingram and baby spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Wood.

Quite a big and grand meeting at the basement of the First Presbyterian church Tuesday night. The Southern Ice and Utilities company treated us mighty fine.

There were 75 scouts present and there was a good representation of the Court of Honor present. Those present were: Rev. F. R. Davis; A. E. Whitwell; R. L. Holcomb; W. W. Armstrong; Frank Evans; and Jud Bray and Harry Hamilton.

Scouts Haskell Rogers, Geo. Kitchell, Clifford Elliot, R. Wayne Kidd, Hoyt Pryor, Alvin Green, Owen Izzard, Clifton Van Curen, were awarded merit badges. Haskell Rogers received a first class badge so did Owen Izzard. Ted Sherman was awarded his second class badge. After the awarding of badges, Rev. Davis, Harry Hamilton, and the scout executive took different groups of scouts and instructed them on the questions which will be asked in the Life of Christ examination contest. Every scout in Ada should take this examination. Every school principal in Ada will gladly give the scouts the questions so that they may prepare for the examination. Every parent too should give the scouts every encouragement possible to take this examination. The following are the questions.

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BLUE MOUND
Sunday school was well attended Sunday.

Some of the farmers are preparing their land to plant cotton. Singing was well attended Sunday evening at G. W. Allen's.

C. H. Dobson and family went to Roff Saturday.

J. W. Cook went to Ada Saturday.

Mr. Cook and family of Vanoss spent Saturday night, and Sunday with G. W. Allen and family.

Misses Ethel Dobson, Lillie and Annie Poe and Valle and Leta Cantrell attended the prayer-meeting at Sunshine Sunday night.

Quite a few from this community attended singing at Sunshine last Tuesday night. Among those were: Prof. L. B. Harris and wife, Miss Mable Clark, Lillie and Annie Poe, Ethel Dobson, and J. W. Cook and daughter Eula.

Mrs. Margaret Crass of Franks was in this community Saturday.

Miss Mabel Clark attended the birthday party at Franks Friday night.

Our school will close this Friday with a program in the afternoon.

Mr. Heathman and family took dinner with Mr. Read and family Sunday.

Mr. J. V. Crass and family spent Sunday with his father and mother at Laxton.

Mr. and Weems family of Stonewall spent the week-end here with Mr. C. J. Jordan and family.

Vera Allen and Eula Cook took trip at Mr. Jordan's Sunday.

Eula Cook, Grace and Ethel Dobson, Annie Poe and Bethel Ready took the county examination here Thursday and Friday.

Prof. L. G. Harris and wife will leave Saturday to visit relatives at Fort Smith, Ark.

Mr. Cook and family of Vanoss spent Saturday night with J. W. Cook and family.

Robert Jones of Sulphur was in this community Sunday morning.

YEAGER

We had a very nice little rain last week.

We had a nice little singing at Yeager Sunday night.

Will Jervis took dinner with Ocie Harold last Sunday at Maxwell.

Zenobia Jervis of Yeager spent Sunday with her cousin with her cousin Daisy and Vivian Ledford of Maxwell.

We have singing at Yeager every Sunday and Wednesday night.

Everybody come that can.

Mrs. Griffin spent Monday living with Mrs. Zola Jervis.

Arch Cosby and family went to visit his son and daughter at Sevenshotter Saturday and Sunday.

—A Reader.

PARISH CHAPEL.

We had a little rain Thursday and Friday which made everybody feel better.

Singing at the school house was well attended Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Davidson and Uncle Wiley Davidson spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Johnny McEachen.

Miss Velma Dryden spent Sunday with Miss Blanche Wood.

Burris Horton and Miss Pearly Corners were quietly married Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgle Farmer and Mr. and Mrs. Alex Summers spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Claud Pennington.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Isaacs and Mrs. Willard Ingram and baby spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Wood.

Quite a big and grand meeting at the basement of the First Presbyterian church Tuesday night. The Southern Ice and Utilities company treated us mighty fine.

There were 75 scouts present and there was a good representation of the Court of Honor present. Those present were: Rev. F. R. Davis; A. E. Whitwell; R. L. Holcomb; W. W. Armstrong; Frank Evans; and Jud Bray and Harry Hamilton.

Scouts Haskell Rogers, Geo. Kitchell, Clifford Elliot, R. Wayne Kidd, Hoyt Pryor, Alvin Green, Owen Izzard, Clifton Van Curen, were awarded merit badges. Haskell Rogers received a first class badge so did Owen Izzard. Ted Sherman was awarded his second class badge. After the awarding of badges, Rev. Davis, Harry Hamilton, and the scout executive took different groups of scouts and instructed them on the questions which will be asked in the Life of Christ examination contest. Every scout in Ada should take this examination. Every school principal in Ada will gladly give the scouts the questions so that they may prepare for the examination. Every parent too should give the scouts every encouragement possible to take this examination. The following are the questions.

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Tonight fair; cooler in east and central portions. Friday fair.

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All the News While It Is News

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FIVE KILLED AND OTHERS INJURED IN TRAIN WRECK

Two Locomotives Swept Off Track Trailing Coaches to Doom.

VICTIMS UNIDENTIFIED

Engineer, Fireman and Three Men in Smoker Dashed to Death in Fall.

(By the Associated Press)

SALT LAKE CITY, May 3.—Five persons were killed, one is missing and 2 injured in a wreck on the D. & R. G. W. passenger train No. 2 east bound near Woodside, Utah, at 11 o'clock last night, according to official advices received at the office of the road here.

The dead are: Arthur Hookey, of the naval training students' corps at Great Lakes, Ill.; Mrs. E. C. White, Provo, Utah; Ed Partridge, Provo, Utah; F. R. Rader, locomotive engineer, Grand Junction, Colorado; and Alfred Anderson, fireman, Grand Junction.

The train baggage man is missing, according to advices.

A complete list of the injured, according to railroad officials, will not be available until the arrival here of a special train from the wreck.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, May 3.—Three passengers and two trainmen were killed and 25 passengers were injured in a wreck last night on the D. & R. G. W. passenger train No. 2, east bound near Woodside, Utah, according to telegraphic advices received here today.

The two engines pulling a train of 11 cars overturned killing one engineer and one fireman. The baggage car and smoker smashed into the wreckage.

The three dead were occupants of the smoking coach, it was reported.

Meager reports from the scene of the wreck were received, and officials of the road said the cause was unknown. One report said that the two locomotives were swept from the tracks by a landslide as they rounded a curve.

Rescue and relief trains were expected to arrive at the scene of the wreck early today.

Victims not identified.

None of the dead, other than the two trainmen, have been identified, railroad officials said. The wreck occurred in the treacherous mountain region two miles east of Woodside about 11 o'clock last night.

Besides the smoker and baggage cars the two locomotives left the track, but the other five cars of the train remained on the tracks and their occupants were reported uninjured.

Engineer Fred Rader, of Grand Junction, who was in charge of the second engine of the double header, and fireman A. Anderson of the first engine were instantly killed. Engineer Joe Westbrook, piloting the first locomotive, and William Gillis, fireman with Rader on the second engine, miraculously escaped death. Neither was reported injured.

Grand Junction, Colo., May 3.—A rescue train was dispatched to the scene of the wreck which is about 155 miles west of here across the Utah line. The train was pulling up a heavy incline when the wreck occurred.

ADA FIRM CHANGES NAME AND MANAGEMENT

Motor Row on East Main street will see a new sign swung in the next few days, that of the Hali-Zorn Motor Co., at 105-6-7 east Main succeeding the Bell Motor Co.

Mr. Clarence W. Hall will be in active management having recently moved here from Ardmore. Mr. Hall is no stranger to Ada and vicinity having been the representative of the Burroughs Adding Machine Co. in this territory for the past eleven years. He is a live wire and a valuable acquisition to the citizenship of the town.

The new firm will handle the Chevrolet car in this territory carrying a complete line of parts, accessories, etc.

E. L. Nolen, formerly of Marienta will also, be associated with the firm in the capacity of salesman.

J. R. Barton of Sapulpa was one of the judges in the debate at the College last night.

Read all the ads all the time.

Manuel Gets Frisky and Police Step to Front

WASHINGTON, May 3.—The name "Manuel Herrick, private detective," appeared today on the overnight headquarters police blotter with a charge of disorderly conduct entered opposite.

The former Oklahoma Representative and erstwhile "aerial dare devil of congress" was picked up by a traffic policeman who said he had intervened when a young lady had complained that Herrick was annoying her. The policeman

reported that the prisoner had been brought in only after a tussle. He was released on \$5 collateral.

When his case was called in police court the district attorney's office announced that a number of women had asked for permission to testify against the prisoner. Herrick appeared in his own defense, but after a consultation the hearing was postponed until tomorrow.

RUM FLEETS FACE FIRE OF CUTTERS

Coast Guards Believe Booze Smugglers Heeded Warning to Leave Waters.

(By the Associated Press)

NEW YORK, May 3.—The flight of the rum fleet from the New Jersey coast last night we believed to be due to the action of the coast guard cutter Seneca in sending a four-pound shot across the bows of a small smuggling craft to bring her to a halt.

The Seneca opened fire yesterday afternoon, it was announced today at coast guard headquarters, when two small runners seen sneaking along between the fleet and shore had been given the signal to halt. The Seneca ordered by Washington authorities to join in the standing patrol of the fleet had heavier guns than the small cutters and the roar of the four-inch rifle was believed to have struck fear into the hearts of the rum smugglers.

Arrests of supply boats plying between the fleet and shore, the close guard of the patrol boats and reinforcement of shore forces and the watch at all times maintained on the rum runners caused two of the biggest units of the fleet to leave yesterday. They were a British tanker and a yacht, which steamed away about dusk.

Speculation was ripe along the water front, however, as to whether the fleet had actually given up in the fact of the determination to enforce prohibition, or had merely sailed to some other port not so closely guarded.

OIL PRODUCTION SHOWS INCREASE DURING WEEK

(By the Associated Press)

NEW YORK, May 3.—Daily average crude oil production in the United States increased 650 barrels during the week ending April 28, totaling 1,196,500 barrels as compared with 1,194,850 for the preceding week, according to the weekly summary of the American Petroleum Institute.

Daily average production east of the Rocky mountains was 1,250,000 as compared with 1,230,850, an increase of 20,650.

California showed 659,000 compared with 715,000, a decrease of 20,000 barrels.

Oklahoma-Kansas daily average production was 541,450, an increase of 9,500; North Texas showed an increase of 21,000; Central Texas an increase of 9,900; North Louisiana a decrease of 2,250; Arkansas a decrease of 700 barrels.

In Oklahoma production of the Osage Nation was shown as 131,309 barrels against 121,950; Tonkawa 96,950 against 94,100; Lyons 8,300 against 8,150 and the output of the Bristow pool was 53,050 against 54,000.

NEW DEVICE MAY INCREASE LIFTING POWER OF AIRPLANES

LONDON, May 3.—An improvement of at least 10 percent in the lifting efficiency of aeroplane wings is expected to be made by an invention which has been patented by a young ex-officer of the flying corps.

He claims to have discovered the method by which crows and other birds glide at fine angles, and experiments which have been made with gliding models suggest that the wingtip feathers are not merely for balancing purposes but contribute largely to the lifting capacity.

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FLORIDA TO ABOLISH PRISON CAMP IDEA, PREDICTS SENATOR



Senator Duncan J. Fletcher.

Florida convict lease system will soon be abolished, according to U. S. Senator Fletcher of that state. Fletcher declared in Washington he believed the legislature would kill the system of prison labor camps at once.

LACK MATERIAL ON POWER LINES

Sulphur Line Connected; New Project Planned for Wynnewood.

Work on the high line project under the control of the Oklahoma Light and Power company here is being held up at the present time by the delayed shipment of materials, according to the announcement of A. O. Mattison, district manager.

The right-of-way for the line to Pauls Valley has been cleared as far as Stratford, the remaining distance requiring little preparation for the construction of the line.

Poles have been moved to the ground along the right-of-way as far as Carter.

With the completion of the Pauls Valley project another step of extension of power concentration for the Byng plant will be taken in the construction of a line out of Pauls Valley to Wynnewood. The Oklahoma Light and Power company will supply the city of Wynnewood electric power under a municipal contract.

Sulphur power users are apparently well pleased with the new electrical project in which Sulphur is supplied with the same power service as Ada, according to word received at the Oklahoma Light and Power company offices here.

The current was turned on for the Sulphur project last Friday.

HAND RENDER'S DECISION IN FIRST OF TEST SUITS

NEW YORK, May 3.—In the first of a series of test suits brought by munition manufacturers to recover \$15,000,000 taken levied by the government on account of picric acid during the war, Federal Judge Hand today directed a verdict in favor of William H. Edwards, who levied the taxes as collector of internal revenue and against the American Synthetic Dyes, Inc., plaintiff in a suit to recover \$227,908.

Trial by Jury Wins in Japan

TOKIO.—Both houses of the Diet have passed a bill for the introduction of trial by jury throughout Japan. The system, however, will not come into effect until 1928. The lower house unanimously supported the measure, but the peers had a prolonged debate before passing on it, a number of the members declaring that Japan was not yet ripe for trial by jury.

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ASK GRAND JURY FOR PROBE INTO DEATH OF MOUNT

State Attorney and President of Northwestern Request Investigation.

HAZING UNDER FIRE

Statement Takes Cognizance of Fatal Injuries to Other Student.

(By the Associated Press)

CHICAGO, May 3.—A grand jury investigation into the death of Leighton Mount, Northwestern university student who disappeared after the class rush of September 21, 1921, was requested of Robert Crowe, state attorney, in a formal statement issued jointly last night by W. D. Scott, president of the university, and the board of trustees.

The statement was made public after the coroner's inquest had been started over the bleached bones found beneath the pier on the lake front.

The university statement was to the effect that "it is determined to ascertain the cause of Leighton Mount's death and fix the responsibility and seek the aid of public authorities having power to subpoena witnesses and take testimony under oath." It directed the university council to take necessary steps to bring findings before the grand jury.

Review Other Case.

While the statement dealt mainly with the Mount case, it took cognizance of the fatal injuring of Louis Andrews, freshman in an automobile accident last week during a class fight between freshmen and sophomores. In extending sympathy to the families of Mount and Andrews, the statement promised to co-operate in every way to discover the facts of their deaths and fix the responsibility.

Judge Harry Olson, a trustee of the university expressed the belief which concurs with that of the investigators, that Mount was killed or injured "during, after or in connection with the class hazing activities, and that the body was concealed."

He said that if the guilty ones had confessed at that time a charge of manslaughter might have been placed against them, "No," he said. "There is no telling what the grand jury will do."

The coroner last night called on the president of the university for a list of students dismissed in 1921 for hazing. It was reported that 15 students were dismissed from school at that time.

Maintenance Men GET SALARY LIFT

Twenty Thousand Employees on Santa Fe to Receive Pay Check Raise.

(By the Associated Press)

CHICAGO, May 3.—Twenty thousand maintenance of way and railway shop laborers of the A. T. & S. F. railway have been granted an increase of wages effective May 1 under an agreement just negotiated A. F. Stout, vice-president of the United Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees and Railway Shop Laborers it was announced today.

The increase will range from one cent to 3 1/2 cents per hour. The increase in the aggregate will mean an addition to the pay roll of between \$500,000 and \$750,000, Santa Fe officials stated.

Under the agreement existing rules and working conditions will remain in effect. The minimum increase was placed at one cent per hour and the maximum at \$8.00 per month.

FEED AWARDS LEGIONNAIRES AT FRIDAY NIGHT MEET

"Chow call" will be sounded Friday night by officers of the Norman Howard post, American Legion as an added appeal for full membership at this special meeting. Sandwiches and coffee will be served to buddies in real army style.

Several matters of importance to the post will be discussed at the special call meeting Friday night, when plans for further post activities will be worked out.

Postpone P. T. A. Meeting

NEW YORK, May 3.—The P. T. A. of Washington school have postponed their meeting of May 4, until Friday, May 11, on account of Exhibit Day at the school building.

Would Unfrock Patriarch



His Holiness Tikhon, patriarch of all Russia.

(By the Associated Press)

MOSCOW, May 3.—The All Russian church council today adopted

a resolution unfrocking the Most Rev. Tikhon, former patriarch of the All Russian church.

ed in his task of revamping boards that control educational institutions of the state, political observers were busy speculating on the changes that are expected under the new regime.

Announcement was made by the executive that no immediate reorganization is contemplated either at the University of Oklahoma or at Oklahoma A. and M. College. However, it is an accepted fact that heads will fall at the two institutions before long to make way for appointees who will work with the administration.

The general belief is that the governor will next direct his attention to the state board of education. It is known that Walton plans to change the administration at two of the state normal schools, at least. To do so he must have a board subordinate to his will.

Present members of the board of education are: J. L. Newland, Frederick; T. F. Brower, McAlester; W. C. Farmer, Wetumka; W. J. Marshall, Hugo; J. M. Sandlin, Duncan, and M. A. Nash, state superintendent of public instruction, who is the elective member.

Linscheid Mentioned

J. G. Mitchell, president of the Edmond Normal is expected to go, and Mrs. C. F. Fordyce of Shawnee, is said to be slated for the place. A. H. Burris, president of the Weatherford Normal is slated to be dropped in favor of E. T. Turner of Newkirk, son-in-law of C. C. Childers, state auditor, it is said.

J. P. Battenburg, Alva president, is reported to be one normal head of education under the new regime. A. Linscheid, president at Ada, has been mentioned as a possibility for the presidency of the state university.

Some observers took the view today that the appointment of George Wilson, farmer-labor league leader, as president of Oklahoma A. and M. College is a certainty. Wilson's row with the American Legion has been formally patched up, eliminating the principal bar to his appointment to the place.

Linscheid Says

When seen today in reference to a statement in The Daily Oklahoman that he was being considered for the presidency of the University of Oklahoma, Dr. A. L. Linscheid, president of the East Central State Teachers College, said there is nothing to it.

"I am not an applicant for such a place have not been and will not be," Mr. Linscheid said. "This is the first reference to anything of the kind I have seen. The matter has not been suggested to me by any one, either directly or indirectly. What I desire most of all is to be let alone here at Ada and given an opportunity to work out the problems of this school and do what I can to build the best teachers college in America. That is a man's job and if I can do that, I shall be entirely satisfied."

The sun attracts enough meteorite matter in the course of a century to amount to a mass as great as the moon, it is calculated.

Matrimonial Adventures

Pursuit

BY

Henry Sydnor Harrison

Author of "Qued," "V. V.'s Eyes," "Angela's Business," "Saint Tomas," etc.

A FEW WORDS ABOUT HENRY SYDNOR HARRISON

It is like shaking hands with an old friend to see the name of Henry Sydnor Harrison. Some years ago his first book, "Qued," gave him instant place as one of our foremost American novelists. Then, at intervals—for Mr. Harrison is an author who works long and with infinite care—came "V. V.'s Eyes" and "Angela's Business," both started successes. "Saint Tomas" established him as a front-rank American author.

He started writing when he first left college, and mainly at night, because, he said, he had to make a living. He joined the staff of the Richmond Times-Dispatch. He laughed when I asked him what he did there. "I was a paragrapher, at first," he said, "then editorial writer, and often poet." At the end of five years, having saved some money, he resigned to see if he could make his way at writing alone.

To get a short story from Mr. Harrison is an event; his time is so fully occupied with work scheduled ahead. But like the others in the Star Author Series of Matrimonial Adventures, he made the opportunity to contribute.

"Pursuit" may be a bit cynical, but it gives much food for thought and reflection.

MARY STEWART CUTTING, JR.

It was the evening of May Heske's picnic supper, small but memorable; and now the clocks had there been any on the island, would have pointed close to midnight. What was so rare as this night in June? Sailing wisps of cloud shredded the face of the high moon; the blackness of the woods, the glades and dells, the vine-covered rocks and the empty quarry, were stippled and patched with silver; the lake was a sheet of silver stretching far away to lose itself in a lovely dusk. Through the verdure a soft breeze whispered; from the water floated voices of the merrymakers, receding; and the woman stealing on light feet up the path, a slim and not incongruous figure in her white bathing dress, with unbound dark hair streaming to her waist, reflected that, for an hour at least, she would be alone here.

But it was not so. From the impenetrable shadows, as she neared the ruined cabin, the figure of a man abruptly emerged upon the path; he stood confronting her. She started a little, and then she saw, with a wild shoot of satisfaction, that this man was her husband.

"You!" she said, with the faintly mocking air she had long ago learned for him; "but fancy meeting you here!"

"You—you looked like a—" he began a little confusedly; and then, breaking off, he cleared his throat and started again, more authoritatively: "I don't say I approve of that suit—but it does seem to fit in with the surroundings somehow. You might almost have been mistaken—at a distance, that is—for a hamadryad. But—"

He hesitated, peering at her with his short-sighted eyes; and then the natural man let go a little more of the unnatural constraint.

"Why, Laure! You go out somewhere every evening, with or without me, or if you don't go out, you have people in. At odd moments, when there are, in the little between times, as I might term them, you're always reading, or studying, or practicing something, or else you're writing letters or you have a headache. Saturdays and Sundays and usually week days, too, you have people staying in house, all over the place. Noise and dancing and parties and rushing about—never a quiet moment of just the domestic sort—"

"You certainly make it sound different from the home life of our dear Queen! I'd no idea it was so bad as that!"

"I understand it, if anything. But well, we won't go into it now. My point is, here, by chance, we have a quiet hour for once—charming nature and no noise—no drunks. Well, don't let's spend it standing on these rocks, when the lake's right there. Come!"

She shook her head in silence, faintly smiling. Gently, she released the hand that he had abruptly clutched. She thought that his massive face paled a little then.

From far away over the water came the faint muffled echoes of song; the sound but accentuated the pervasive stillness. On the solitary trail the husband and wife steadily eyed each other, and she was thrilled with the knowledge of her immeasurable victory. In that second, her mind's eye flashed backward; she thought of Anders Cartwheel, and the time and scene which had been the turning point of her life.

Her husband's dim, heavy face seemed to darken. "Him? Who was it?"

"My dear Horace, you'll agree that kissing and telling isn't quite the act of a lady? No, no! But I'm interrupting your reverie!"

"No!—tell me! I—want to know."

"Your air of interest is awfully civil, Horace. But I can't really believe that you've begun at this late day to take an interest in my private life!"

Her merriment exasperated him, clearly.

"Howard Witheredge, I suppose—d—n his impudence! What you can see in that!"

"Oh, name me no names, please!"

And the incident's really not worth mentioning—I'm merely disciplining a beau, that's all. So we two have the pretty wids all to ourselves, only think! Charming conjugial! But be

dress—goodby!"
"No, no! Don't go, I—" Having controlled himself with an obvious effort, the man resumed with awkward carelessness:

"Ah—it seems too bad for you to miss your moonlight dip, when you enjoy it so—merely on account of the behavior of an alcoholic cad. I was about to say—I'll paddle you over to the Pulpit myself."

She eyed him quizzically and all at once was aware of the beating of her heart!

The two stood close together, in the darkness and beauty of the woods. The man's ponderous dignity was manifestly a little strained. Why? For a long time past, indeed, it had been evident that she had undermined his case in their relationship. For weeks she had been conscious, in her withdrawals and through the silences that she had made so common between them, that he regarded her with a new attentiveness. But he had stopped there; his pride—or some cowardice, perhaps?—had restrained him from word or act. Was it the romantic solitude now, and the sudden sight of her in her wood-nymph's guise? Was it the thought of those kisses she had just taken from another? What? Into her husband's eyes had come a look she had not seen these three years; and she wondered suddenly if, here and now, beyond all calculation, her great moment had come at last.

But do you think that she would yield anything to him? Not she.

Ironically grave, she answered: "You are always kind, Horace. But of course I'd not dream of imposing on you that way."

"No imposition at all. I'd enjoy it. We find ourselves deserted—each by our own choice—what more logical than to join forces, eh?"

"Logical!" "And—and pheasant," said he with his labored lightness. "Why not? Or—if you don't care to join the party now—after what happened—why, we might just paddle about for a while. The night—the night's fine," said Horace.

"Canoing in the moonlight with one's husband! My dear man, do you want to make me the laughing stock of the county?"

Her laughter, thrilling unexpectedly, took him quite aback; stung him, too, as she saw with pleasure.

"A very little of that sort of thing," said she, "and gossip would soon begin connecting our names!"

"I don't think you run many risks of that," he retorted, with marked stiffness. "And I wish you'd cease this—this extravagant way of talking—it's provoking. Now come along. I—we'll enjoy it."

"On the contrary, I should die of shame."

"You're being absurd. Come!"

"A thousand thanks, but no."

There was a silence. The breeze fluttered her long hair.

"I see you actually prefer the society of drunken male flirts to that of . . . And this is typical, too—"

He finished, all but impulsively for him: "I'm sure you can't realize, Laurel, how little we actually see of each other—these days."

Ah, but did she not realize!

She leaned back against the slender bough of a white birch and stared up at him liquid eyed.

"How little! Why, Horace—good gracious! That's literally all I can say—good gracious! Seven days a week under the same roof, but separated a single day in—"

"I know, I know!" he said in another tone, embarrassed. "It seems odd, I own—I'd hardly think it was possible. And still . . . I was of course sure you weren't conscious of it, but—"

He hesitated, peering at her with his short-sighted eyes; and then the natural man let go a little more of the unnatural constraint.

"Why, Laurel! You go out somewhere every evening, with or without me, or if you don't go out, you have people in. At odd moments, when there are, in the little between times, as I might term them, you're always reading, or studying, or practicing something, or else you're writing letters or you have a headache. Saturdays and Sundays and usually week days, too, you have people staying in house, all over the place. Noise and dancing and parties and rushing about—never a quiet moment of just the domestic sort—"

"You certainly make it sound different from the home life of our dear Queen! I'd no idea it was so bad as that!"

"I understand it, if anything. But well, we won't go into it now. My point is, here, by chance, we have a quiet hour for once—charming nature and no noise—no drunks. Well, don't let's spend it standing on these rocks, when the lake's right there. Come!"

She shook her head in silence, faintly smiling. Gently, she released the hand that he had abruptly clutched. She thought that his massive face paled a little then.

From far away over the water came the faint muffled echoes of song; the sound but accentuated the pervasive stillness. On the solitary trail the husband and wife steadily eyed each other, and she was thrilled with the knowledge of her immeasurable victory. In that second, her mind's eye flashed backward; she thought of Anders Cartwheel, and the time and scene which had been the turning point of her life.

Her husband's dim, heavy face seemed to darken. "Him? Who was it?"

"My dear Horace, you'll agree that kissing and telling isn't quite the act of a lady? No, no! But I'm interrupting your reverie!"

"No!—tell me! I—want to know."

"Your air of interest is awfully civil, Horace. But I can't really believe that you've begun at this late day to take an interest in my private life!"

Her merriment exasperated him, clearly.

"Howard Witheredge, I suppose—d—n his impudence! What you can see in that!"

"Oh, name me no names, please!"

And the incident's really not worth mentioning—I'm merely disciplining a beau, that's all. So we two have the pretty wids all to ourselves, only think! Charming conjugial! But be

ring lapses of ardor. After two years she adored him without restraint, and for days and weeks together he was frankly bored with her. Why? Was it the everlasting law of things that a relation can support only so much love, as a bucket holds so much water? Certainly her efforts to charm this grave senior by doubling her wifely thoughtfulness and sweet subjection, had but increased his ennui. There had come the inevitable day when she, with floods of tears, had packed her trunks and gone off on the usual indefinite visit to her mother.

So far their story had followed a familiar course. Would that have been the end of it, right there, but for Anders Cartwheel? Nothing seemed to her more certain. Beyond doubt Anders, who was twice her age, and had taken an interest in her, paternal or otherwise, from her sixteenth year, had penetrated her with a new and startling concept. For Anders wouldn't accept, he would hardly listen to, her own ready formula, long since smoothed by women of all ages. "Oh, no," he had said, in his merciless kind way. "It isn't that you love him too well! That's letting yourself down too easily. It's simply that you love him with too little pride—and no good sense at all." And a little later, when she had conquered her first furious indignation and sat down again, he spoke words which she took at last for truth, and which filled her in the end with an overwhelming purpose. For Anders had said that a man's necessity is not to be loved, but to be loved; and that, to love, his fixed need is to pursue—and conquer.

So, she, because she had a will, and it seemed that her whole life was at stake, had actually achieved this impossible. She had warped her nature, she had broken her heart to pieces; she had recovered the reserves of maidenhood, made herself again mysterious to this once familiar; she had fanned the last flickering ember to a flame. Now here he stood suing her in the romantic night—her Horace, bored no longer, and still, and still . . .

Was it not ironical that, here in the instant of her tremendous triumph, her mood should be so skeptical and cool? . . . How large was Horace's nose, she unsentimentally considered, how halting his tongue, how really small his vanity and caution. Had something then permanently passed away? In the long process of repression, of moral separation, so painful at first, had she wrought in herself an irreparable change?

(Concluded Tomorrow)

BUILDING BOOM HITS CLEVELAND

Ohio City Leads Country in Construction of Office Buildings.

(By the Associated Press)

CHICAGO, May 3.—Approximately 15,000,000 square feet of office building space will have been added to the business districts of 22 of the principal cities of North America during the two year period ending December 31, 1923, it was revealed in a survey recently completed by the National Association of Building Owners and Managers under the direction of J. F. Douglas of Seattle, chairman of the Association Renting Committee.

The city adding the greatest amount of space both this year and last is Cleveland, O., according to the report. Philadelphia is next in line, with New York third. Boston fourth, Los Angeles fifth and Chicago sixth.

In some of the cities the vast increase to the office building space of their respective business districts involves the danger of over-production, the report points out.

"Over-production results in vacancies. Space standing idle is taxed just as high as space filled with tenants. There is little difference in the cost of operation of a building half full and one completely full. The margin of profit in the operation of office buildings is generally below the profits allowed by utility commissions to other public service organizations supplying commodities vital to the welfare of the community.

The survey shows that much of this new space is being filled up by the demands of business, a significant indication of the condition of business throughout the nation. Communities can take pride in their new buildings, for they are symbols of the advancement being made in business importance, and modern architecture is doing much to improve the beauty of cities.

Mr. Douglas urged upon the 1,500 owners and managers of the principal office buildings in the United States, concentration of their energies upon improving the standards of the districts in which their buildings are located.

Rental conditions throughout the United States will be further developed by the Building Owners and Managers at the Sixteenth Annual Convention of the Association to be held in Atlantic City, June 18 to 22. A large part of the program will be devoted to a consideration of rental problems.

Expert God-Father Resigns

LONDON, May 1.—After 33 years' service, a verger at Isleworth Parish Church has retired. He has attended 1,117 weddings and has been godfather to 2,000 babies. Absent-minded bridegrooms who forgot the wedding ring have on occasion been provided with his church-door key as a substitute.

dealers in foodstuffs may take a profit of only ten percent and retailers 15 percent. Heavy penalties will be imposed upon transgressors.

POLISH OFFICIALS WANT LIQUOR LAWS REPEALED

(By the Associated Press)

WARSAW, May 3.—Rumors that the Ministry of Finance intended to cancel restrictions on the sale and consumption of alcoholic drinks are confirmed by the proposition made by M. Grabski, Finance Minister.

His new bill proposes to allow free sale and consumption of all drinks containing under four percent pure alcohol (the present limit is two and a half percent), and to allow as a maximum strength of drinks 50 percent pure alcohol instead of the present maximum of 40 percent. It is further proposed to cancel entirely the prohibition on drinks in railways and railway stations and the sale of alcohol on holidays and the eve of holidays and on Sundays.

The minister declares that the present restrictions do not diminish the consumption of alcohol, while they do lead to frequent violations of the law, and result in a loss to the state owing to illegal transactions in the sale of alcoholic liquor on which no taxes can be collected.

It is thought that the Diet is too dry, however, to share the opinions of the Minister, and that he will have difficulty in getting his bill passed in its present form.

FOX "MONTE CRISTO" A GIANT PRODUCTION

Moving Picture Magnate Stages Drama's Great Romance With an All-Star Cast.

Alexander Dumas, considered by many book lovers as the greatest writer of fiction of all times, almost invariably used as his theme the safety of thrones; but in his classic "Monte Cristo," which has been made by William Fox into a super photo-production and which is now showing at the American Theater, Dumas drifts from the theme of which he seemed to be the master, to that of the oppression of a soul that lived but to oppress other souls.

Though the story deals with a period in French history which abounds with dramatic incidents that well might serve as a plot for historical writing, i. e., the Napoleonic period, yet, the writer was not tempted by such an alluring bait. Nevertheless the story is an all absorbing one which grips the spectator and holds his attention to the very end.

The manner in which the leading character, Edmund Dantes, makes himself the instrument of retributive justice is so well done that even though his acts seem somewhat unholly, one cannot but glory with him.

NORWAY Holds Lost Harpoon

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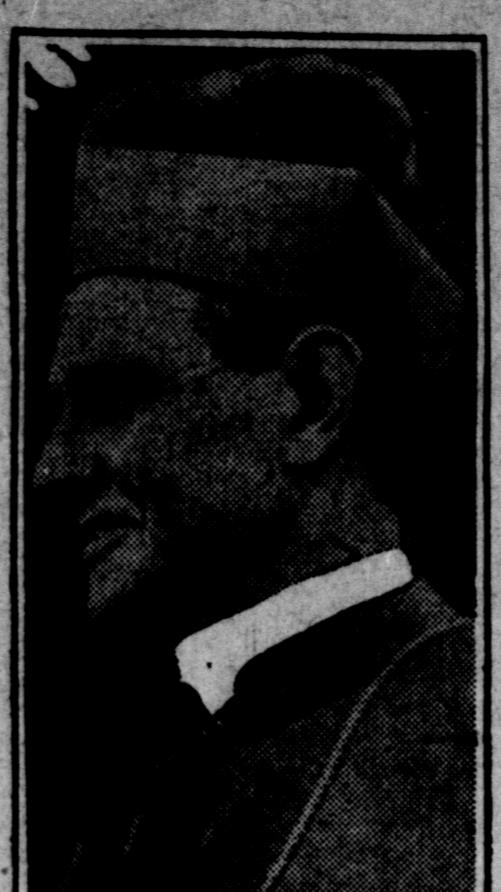
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Archbishop Edward J. Hanna, of San Francisco.

According to Vance Thompson, attaché of the United States embassy at Rome, Archbishop Hanna will be designated the third cardinal in the United States. Thompson says the pope desires a "thoroughly American cardinal," and that of all candidates considered Archbishop Hanna best measures up to the requirements.

Women to Consider Campaign Against Sale of Narcotics

ATLANTA, May 3.—The General Federation of Women's Clubs, when it convenes in this city May 7-11, will take up, among other things, the question of a campaign against the sale of narcotics throughout the country.

It is declared by an official of the federation that the women will join hands with the Anti-Narcotic League in launching a national campaign against the drug evil. An endeavor will be made to secure the co-operation of every member of the federation in the work which the "Committee to Publish Facts" already has in hand. This committee consists of Dr. R. B. Kleinsmid, president of the University of California; Judge Benjamin Bleedsoe, United States judge of the 12th federal district; Harold Lloyd, film star comedian; L. D. Oaks, Los Angeles chief of police; J. P. Carter, former collector of the United States Revenue Department; Brigadier C. R. Boyd, of the Salvation Army; and others.

Donald always remembered the snow on Moira's shawl. When he recovered from his surprise he would have called her back, but Moira was gone forever. A month later Donald learned of her death.

He brought up the child in a lonely part of the country where he had bought a small farm. He was resolved that the mother's fate should never be the child's. And day by day, as he saw Moira's beauty developing in Doreen's tug at his heart grew greater and he became more harsh with her.

He was still a youngish man—forty-two, but his hair was graying. He had long since cut himself off from life. In her unhappiness Doreen had begun to seek the company of the village boys.

Father O'Sullivan went to Donald. "You owe her a bigger duty, Donald," he said. "It

Desert Gold

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That talk with the strong mother worked a change in Nell and in Belding. Nell, who had done little but brood and watch the west and take violent rides, seemed to settle into a waiting patience that was sad, yet serene. Belding, who had been breaking under the strain of worry, recovered himself so that to outward appearance he was his old self. He alone knew, however, that his humor was forced, and that the slow burning wrath he felt for the Chases was flaming into hate.

Belding argued with himself that if Ben Chase and his son, Radford, had turned out to be big men in other ways than in the power to carry on great enterprises he might have become reconciled to them. But the father was greedy, grasping, hard, cold; the son added to those traits an overbearing disposition to rule, and he showed a fondness for drink and cards. These men were developing the valley, to be sure, and a horde of poor Mexicans and many Americans were benefiting from that development; nevertheless, these Chases were operating in a way which proved they cared only for themselves.

Belding went to Casita with a number of his "white thoroughbreds" and shipped them to ranchers and horse-breeders in Texas. Then, being near the railroad, and having time, he went up to Tucson. There he learned some interesting particulars about the Chases. They had an office in the city; influential friends in the capital. They were powerful men in the rapidly growing finance of the West. They had interested the Southern Pacific railroad, and in the near future a branch line was to be constructed from San Felipe to Forlorn River. These details of the Chase development were insignificant when compared to a matter striking close home to Belding. His responsibility had

been subtly attacked. A doubt had been cast upon his capability of executing the duties of immigration inspector to the best advantage of the state. Belding divined that this was only an entering wedge. The Chases were bent upon driving him out of Forlorn River; but perhaps to serve better their own ends, they were proceeding at leisure. Belding returned home consumed by rage. But he controlled it. For the first time in his life he was afraid of himself. He had his wife and Nell to think of; and the old law of the West had gone forever.

"Dad, there's another Rojas round these diggings," was Nell's remark, after the greetings were over and the usual questions and answers passed.

Belding's exclamation was cut short by Nell's laugh. She was serious with a kind of amused contempt.

"Mr. Radford Chase!"

"Now Nell, what the—" roared Belding.

"Hush, Dad! Don't swear," interrupted Nell. "I only meant to tease you."

"Nell, you may as well tell him and have it over," said Mrs. Belding, quietly.

"Well, if you weren't such a good old blind dad you'd have seen long ago the way Mr. Radford Chase ran round after me. At first it was only annoying, and I did not want to add to your worries. But these two weeks you've been gone I've been more than annoyed. After that time I struck Mr. Chase with my quirt he made all possible efforts to meet me. He did meet me wherever I went. He sent me letters till I got tired of sending them back. He followed me until it was less embarrassing for me to let him walk with me and talk his head off. He made love to me. He begged me to marry him. I told him I was already in love and engaged to be married. He said that didn't make any difference. Then I called him a fool.

"Next time he saw me he said he must explain. He meant I was being true to a man who, everybody on the border knew, had been lost in the desert. That—that hurt. Maybe—it's true. Sometimes it seems terribly true. Since then, of course, I have stayed in the house to avoid being hurt again. I feel like a poor little rabbit holed by a hound. And I dare not peep out."

Somehow the thing struck Belding as funny, and he laughed. He had not had a laugh for so long that it made him feel good. He stopped only at sight of Nell's surprise and pain. Then he put his arms around her.

"Never mind, dear. I'm an old bear. Nell, it's only the old story. The folks fall in love with you. It's your

presently to make herself presentable, according to her idea of the exigency of the case. Belding caught a glimpse of his wife's face as she went out; and it wore a sad, strange, anxious expression.

Presently the Gales came back into the sitting-room, looking very different without the long gray cloaks and veils. Belding saw distinction and elegance. Mr. Gale seemed a grave, troubled, kindly person, ill in body and mind. Belding received the same impression of power that Ben Chase had given him; only here it was minus any hardness or hard quality. He gathered that Mr. Gale was a man of authority. Mrs. Gale rather frightened Belding, but he could not have told why. The girl was just like Dick as he had seen her.

Belding imagined the sooner the Gales were told that Dick was to marry Nell the better for all concerned, and especially for Nell. In

the general conversation that ensued he sought for an opening in which to tell this important news, but he was

kept so busy answering questions about his position on the border, the kind of place Forlorn River was, the reason for so many tents, etc., that he was unable to find opportunity.

"It's interesting, very interesting," said Mr. Gale. "At another time I want to learn all you'll tell me about the West. It's new to me. I'm surprised, amazed, sir. I may say . . . But, Mr. Belding, what I want to know most is about my son. I'm broken in health. I've worried myself ill over him. I don't mind telling you, sir, that we quarreled. He went away. And I've come to see I didn't know Richard. I was wrong to upbraid him. For a year we've known nothing of his doings, and now for almost six months we've not heard from him at all. Frankly, Mr. Belding, I weakened first, and I've come to hunt him up. My fear is that I didn't start soon enough."

Mr. Gale paused, and the white hand he raised expressively shook a little.

Belding was not so thick-witted where men were concerned. He saw how the matter lay between Dick Gale and his father.

"Well, Mr. Gale, sure most young bucks from the East go to the bad out here," he said bluntly. "They blow their money, then go to punching cows, take to whisky."

Mr. Gale lifted haggard eyes.

"Then it's bumming around, regular tramps, and to the bad generally," Belding spread wide his big arms, and when one of them dropped round Nell, who sat beside him, she squeezed his hand tight. "Sure, it's the regular Romeo sneaking round here. I'll—"

"Dad, you promised."

"Confound it, Nell, I promised not to pack a gun. That's all. I'll only show this fellow off the place, gently, mind you, gently. I'll leave the rest for Dick Gale!"

April grew apace, and soon gave way to May. One morning Belding was called from some garden work by the whirring of an automobile and a "Holloa!" He saw an elderly, swallow-faced, rather frail-appearing man who was an entire stranger to him; a sombre dark-eyed woman whose hair showed white through her veil; and a superbly built girl, whose face made Belding at once think of Dick Gale.

"Is this Mr. Tom Belding, Inspector of Immigration?" inquired the gentleman, courteously.

"I'm Belding, and I know who you are," replied Belding in hearty amaze, as he stretched for his big hand.

"You're Dick Gale's dad—the governor. Dick used to say. I'm sure glad to meet you."

"Thank you. Yes, I'm Dick's governor, and here, Mr. Belding—Dick's mother and his sister Elsie."

Beaming his pleasure, Belding shook hands with the ladies, who showed their agitation clearly.

"Mr. Belding, I've come west to look up my lost son," said Mr. Gale. "His sister's letters were unanswered. We haven't heard from him in months. Is he still here with you?"

"Well, now, sure I'm awful sorry," began Belding, his slow mind at work. "Dick's away just now—he's been away for a considerable spell. I'm expecting him back any day. . . . Won't you come in? You're all dusty and hot and

tired. Come in, and let mother and Nell make you comfortable. Of course you'll stay. We've a big house. You must stay till Dick comes back. Maybe that'll be—Aw, I guess it won't be long. . . . Let me handle the baggage, Mr. Gale. . . . Come in. I sure am glad to meet you all."

Eager, excited, delighted, Belding went on talking as he ushered the Gales into the sitting-room, presenting them in his hearty way to the astounded Mrs. Belding and Nell. For the space of a few moments his wife and daughter were bewildered. When the Gales had been shown to rooms, Mrs. Belding gained the poise momentarily lost; but Nell came rushing back, wilder than a deer, in a state of excitement strange even for her.

"Oh! Dick's mother, his sister!" whispered Nell. "Oh, I knew it! I always guessed it! Dick's people are proud, rich; they're somebody. I thought I'd faint when she looked at me. She was just curious—curious, but so cold and proud. She was wondering about me. Dick has never written her that he's—he's engaged to me. I'm wearing his ring. It was his mother's, he said. I won't—I can't take it off. And I'm scared. . . . But the sister—oh, she's lovely and sweet—proud, too. I felt warm all over when she looked at me. I—I wanted to kiss her. She looks like Dick when he first came to us. But he's changed. They'll hardly recognize him. . . . To think they've come! And I had to be looking a fright, when of all times on earth I'd want to look my best."

Nell, out of breath, ran away evidently to make herself presentable, according to her idea of the exigency of the case. Belding caught a glimpse of his wife's face as she went out; and it wore a sad, strange, anxious expression.

Presently the Gales came back into the sitting-room, looking very different without the long gray cloaks and veils. Belding saw distinction and elegance. Mr. Gale seemed a grave, troubled, kindly person, ill in body and mind. Belding received the same impression of power that Ben Chase had given him; only here it was minus any hardness or hard quality. He gathered that Mr. Gale was a man of authority. Mrs. Gale rather frightened Belding, but he could not have told why. The girl was just like Dick as he had seen her.

"Fifth avenue does not wait until Easter to parade up and down in new spring fashions. Any bright sunny day brings so-

"Forty dollars?" echoed the father.

"By the day or week?"

"The month, of course," said Belding, somewhat taken aback.

"Forty dollars a month for a young man who spent five hundred in the same time when he was at college, and who ran it into thousands when he got out!"

Mr. Gale laughed for the first time. And it was the laugh of a man who wanted to believe what he heard yet scarcely dared to do it.

"What does he do with so much money—money earned by peril, toil, sweat, and blood? Forty dollars a month?"

"He saves it," replied Belding.

Evidently this was too much for Dick Gale's father, and he gazed at his wife in sheer speechless astonishment. Dick's sister clapped her hands like a little child.

Belding saw that the moment was propitious.

"Sure he saves it. Dick's engaged to marry Nell here. My stepdaughter, Nell Burton."

"Oh-h, Dad!" faltered Nell; and she rose, white as her dress.

How strange it was to see Dick's mother and sister rise, also, and turn to Nell with dark, proud, searching eyes. Belding vaguely realized some blunder he had made. Nell's white appealing face gave him a pang. What had he done? Surely this family of Dick's ought to know his relation to Nell. There was a silence that positively made Belding nervous.

Then Elsie Gale stepped close to Nell.

"Miss Burton, are you really Richard's betrothed?"

Nell's tremulous lips framed an affirmative, but never uttered it. She held out her hand, showing the ring Dick had given her. Miss Gale's recognition was instant, and her response was warm, sweet, gracious.

"I think I am going to be very, very glad," she said, and kissed Nell.

"Miss Burton, we are learning wonderful things about Richard," added Mr. Gale. In an earnest though shaken voice. "If you have had to do with making a man of him—and now I begin to see to believe so—may God bless you! . . . My dear girl, I have not really looked at you. Richard's fiancee! . . . Mother, we have not found him yet, but I think we've found his secret. We believed him a lost son. But here is his sweetheart!"

It was only then that the pride and hauteur of Mrs. Gale's face broke into an expression of mingled pain and joy. She opened her arms. Nell, uttering a strange little stifled cry, flew into them.

(To Be Continued)

American Liners Thrive Without Liquor License

(By the Associated Press)

LONDON.—Those who thought prohibition was going to kill passenger travel on American ships have found out they were mistaken. In spite of prohibition and the fact that mid-winter is usually the dullest season for trans-Atlantic travel, four of the American passenger lines which left England for America during the past six weeks had a full complement of passengers booked several days before sailing time. In each instance applicants for berths were turned away.

The President Roosevelt was the first of the vessels flying the American flag to experience the unusual rush of passengers in mid-winter. Thirty-five applicants for passage were turned away, and a temporary dormitory had to be built to make room for extra third-class travelers. The America left Southampton a few days later with more than 1,800 passengers, every berth being filled. Accommodations on the George Washington were entirely sold out two weeks before she sailed. The President Harding was the fourth of the "full-up" liners.

State while not announced, is officially estimated to be in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000, con-

sisting largely of real estate in

stocks and other securities.

A liberal bequest is made to the senator's daughter, Mrs. Mo

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BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

A LOVE FEAST:—Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, than a stalled ox and hatred therewith.—Proverbs 15:17.

CLEAN UP.

The News urges every citizen to co-operate with the city officials and others who are trying to make the old town look new and fresh. To clean up and paint up it not luxury; it is plain economy and good business.

Before many days teachers will be coming into Ada for the Summer. Within a comparatively short time we expect to see the new glass plant unloading and many families coming into our city. These should not be compelled to look upon lots covered with weeds or houses in need of paint. We go along and waste our savings by letting unpainted boards stand in the weather, when a coat of paint would protect them and make the house last a decade or two decades longer.

"Paint up and clean up" is just plain common sense.

It is reported that the next congress may consider an amendment to the present immigration law which will have the effect of permitting a large number from northern and western Europe to enter and cut down the quota from the less desirable sections. The amendment would permit five per cent computed on the census of 1890 to enter. Up to that time most of the immigrants came from that part of Europe and the immigrants were of a type readily assimilated as American citizens. After that south and southeast European immigrants predominated. Too many of this new element were densely ignorant and too much filled with notions of anarchy to be desirable as residents of this country. They had no conception of American ideals and never attempted to identify themselves with American institutions. Many criminals have sprung from this class and a great deal of trouble was resulted. With a low standard of living they have competed with American laborers to the disadvantage of the later who were brought up with different ideas. The avowed purpose of the proposed amendment is to open the door wider for the class that will make a good citizenship, and close it against the ones that have proved themselves dangerous to American institutions and who refuse to be Americanized.

The depreciated paper money in Germany has been a great thing for those who owed debts. A writer in a current magazine gives a case of an old lady who before the war had 20,000 marks invested in a mortgage on a valuable piece of real estate. This gave her a comfortable income and she thought her old age was provided for. Butter has been selling at 5,000 marks per pound at the present valuation of the mark, so all the mortgagor had to do was to sell four pounds of butter and pay off his debt, for of course the money was legal tender and the old lady had no option but to take it. The result is that he man now has a valuable farm free of debt and the old lady received the equivalent of 50 cents for a debt originally worth \$5,000 of American money. Pretty soft for the debtor class, but it has wiped out most of the invested capital.

A new ground for divorce has appeared in a suit filed by a negro of Noblesville, Ind., against her husband with whom she has lived for the past twelve years. She alleges that he posed as a negro until recently, but has now filed a petition seeking to establish the fact that he is really a white man. This caused a great shock to the wife, her divorce petition avers, hence she wishes to be free.

The government's latest plan is to starve the rum fleet out by seizing vessels that attempt to carry it provisions and fuel and also to grab all customers it can lay hands on, thus making the business unprofitable. If it no longer pays it is certain that the rum runners will quit the business.

A press dispatch from Sherman, Texas, states that the housewives of that city are economizing on the use of sugar as a contribution of their bit to the buyers' strike against the high prices now prevailing. A very effective remedy, if universally applied.

The extent to which the northward migration of negroes has gone is indicated by the recent report from South Carolina to the effect that for the first time in a century the negro population of that state is now smaller than the white, although no later than 1910 it formed 55 per cent of the state's total population.

Every little while rumors are heard that Ambassador Harvey is to "resign." His record to date has consisted mainly in devising ways to keep in the spotlight. His latest stunt was to appear at the wedding of the Duke of York in knee breeches and silk hose like those worn by the British dandies and dignitaries.

After working so hard to secure a high tariff the American beet sugar interests merely contribute to the gayety of nations by arguing that high tariffs really produce low prices and that something else is responsible for the price of sugar.

SEEIN' RED!



New Election Law Vote Expected in Early Ohio Returns

(By the Associated Press)

COLUMBUS, May 2.—After working since its existence under an election system which made it almost impossible to obtain results of a state-wide election until many days, and often weeks, after an election had been held, Ohio, this fall, will be operating under a law which its sponsors believe will make it possible to obtain semi-official totals from every county by noon of the day following an election.

Backed by newspapers which in the past have spent thousands of dollars collecting results every time a state-wide election was held, the state legislature has enacted a law which gives the secretary of state power to remove county election officials who fail to send him complete county returns by noon of the day after election.

The new law will be given its first trial at the election next November, when three constitutional amendments and possibly one referendum will be voted upon. Next year it will be given a thorough test as there will be two statewide primary elections and the general election.

JAPANESE STEAMSHIP LINE ORDERS OIL-BURNING VESSELS

(By the Associated Press)

YOKOHAMA May 3.—The Nippon Yusen Kaisha is planning to build two 10,000 ton freighters, each equipped with Diesel oil engines. An order for the construction of these vessels already has been given in England and they are to be completed within one year.

Another freighter of 5,000 tons is to be constructed in Japan. The former will be used for the New York service and the latter on the Shanghai run.

METHODISTS ACTIVE IN BUILDING HOUSES

CHICAGO, May 2.—Twenty-three buildings a week are being erected wholly or in part by the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at a weekly expense of \$53,112, according to figures compiled for the Committee on Conservation and Advance. Previously only 12,000 building projects have been put through in 50 years.

In rural and frontier mission fields 2,950 pastors are being maintained wholly or in part by the Board of Home Missions and church Extension, each pastor serving from one to four communities on the circuit-riding basis. Schools for training these men are held each summer at 29 different Methodist colleges and institutes. Two hundred negro pastors also are on the payroll of the board. There are in addition 800 pastors and 550 specially trained Christian social workers in congested city centers of population, and the Gospel is preached in 19 languages by 995 home mission pastors.

These figures do not include self-supporting Methodist churches whose contributions to the benevolent enterprises of the church as a whole constitute a substantial part of the \$100,000,000 Centenary fund pledged by Methodists the world over.

VINITA.—A new wrinkle in robbery of a garage has been successfully tried here. The night man at a local garage received a trouble call. He left the garage to seek the disabled car but failed to find it. When he got back to his office he found the till had been rifled and \$29 taken.

NATIVES OF BRITISH SAMOA RECONCILED TO UNION JACK

(By the Associated Press)

PAGOPAGO, American Samoa.—Colonel Robert Ward Tate, administrator of British Samoa under the League of Nations mandate to New Zealand, will retire shortly from that position.

Residents of British Samoa declare that Colonel Tate, during his term of office, has succeeded in overcoming the former antipathy of the natives there to New Zealand rule and that he is leaving them completely reconciled to the present administration.

General Richardson, of the New Zealand forces, has been appointed to the post.

One favorite All Fool's Day joke of the 18th century was to send a rustic to the bookstore for a "History of Eve's Grandmother."

Try a News Want Ad for results.

WHEN LUNGS ARE WEAK

Mr. Walter Wyatt, Leeton, Mo., says: "I take pleasure in saying I think McMullin's Formula one of the best lung remedies I have ever tried. Have gained 25 pounds and feeling fine."

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What to Take for SICK HEADACHE

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MANY DUST PARTICLES TO EVERY SQUARE INCH

CHICAGO, May 2.—It requires more than 6,000,000 tiny dust particles to cover a glass plate one inch square, according to investigators at the Structural Materials Research Laboratory of the Lewis Institute here.

Although it would seem a hopeless task to count these millions of dust particles and measure their exact size, these Lewis Institute investigators have carried out a series of tests in which these operations were performed.

The tests were conducted to determine the fineness of portland cement, and it was discovered that if average sized cement particles were laid in closely fitting rows it would require 6,000,000 to cover the same area.

In making the tests, samples of cement were blown up a series of brass tubes by compressed air. This operation separated the tiny particles and the sizes were then obtained by microscopic measurement. The cement particles had already passed through the standard testing sieve specified by government requirements. Such a sieve contains 40,000 holes to the square inch and is woven of bronze wire, finer than a human hair. The sieve is finer than silk and will hold water. Government standards require that 78 per cent of a given quantity of cement be fine enough to pass through this sieve.

Butter is said to have been used by the Arabs in early times, but not by the Greeks and Romans, who had olive oil, and never by the Chinese.

Nowadays more and more women are doing their own soap and are making their own soap. If you have never tried it, you will be surprised to see how easy it is to make good soap, soft soap, hard soap or floating soap, just by using kitchen soap and waste grease together with a can of Merry War Lye, the safe and sure soapmaker.

In the old days when soap was made by the boiling process it took nearly all day to make a kettle of soap. Now it is hardly any work at all—requires no materials, less time, less cost. Save you money and gives you all the pure, clean soap you need for kitchen, laundry and all household purposes.

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Merry War Powdered Lye comes in a convenient can with revolving sitting top that cannot come off, cannot get lost, reseals tightly and preserves contents. It is economical to buy and easy to use.

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I Set Out to Find the Secret of Iron Muscles Like These

And Found That a Slight Change
in Your Daily Meals Will Often
Astonishingly Increase Your
Strength, Energy, Endur-
ance and Physical and
Mental Power

Years ago, I made up my mind that there must be some vital secret that explained the great difference between the muscular strength, health and power of strong and weak people you meet every day. One man has muscles like iron, is full of strength and energy and hits hard both mentally and physically. Another is weak, anemic and tired—run down. His day's work leaves him tired out and exhausted and he is always ailing, complaining and doctoring, without ever seeming to get any better.

For years I made a special study of these conditions consulting a great number of physicians and chemists. Many of them have proved that your real strength and endurance is that mysterious force that enables you to dominate and control others and win in every walk of life, all depend upon the strength and nature of the millions of cells that compose your body and brain, and that the secret of strength lies in the strength of the food upon which they are built, just like a house that is built of boards and mud is not so strong as one built of stone and mortar. The secret of strength lies in the strong, forceful cells is a peculiar form of iron found in the husks of grains, peels and skins of certain fruits and vegetables, but modern methods of cooking throw these important minerals away so that today probably not one man in twenty has 100% iron in his body—a most alarming condition.

If you are anxious to build up your strength and bodily powers, you should at once try mixing a little of this powder with fresh milk and drink it to help build strong iron-like cells. Surprising results have been obtained in many cases, in two weeks' time. In fact a former medical inspector and clinician physician of the Board of Health of New York City, said to me: "There are thousands of men in this country today, at forty are broken in health and steadily going downward to physical and mental decay. Yet there are thousands of the same men who undergo a remarkable transformation when they are given a daily ration of this powder." This newer form of iron is comparatively inexpensive and may be obtained from your druggist under the name of Nuzated Iron, to be mixed with your food as directed on each package. Do not make a mistake and get one of the old forms of iron, which is not so good.

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LOST

STRAYED—From my place east of the city lake, one brown horse, branded L on left hip and shoulder. Little lame in left front foot. Phone information to 509.—O. R. Hargis. 5-3-11

MIAMI.—A chorus of 20 Indian girls and 15 Indian boys, selected from students at the Wyandotte school maintained by the Seneca tribe, will take part in the celebration of Imam Amohalko, a local municipal booster celebration, according to M. W. Krieger, director of an opera to be presented at the festivities. Arrangements are being made through O. J. Chandler, superintendent of the Quapaw agency, Krieger said.

THE HUMPHERS took dinner with E. R. Hughes, another member of the commission, he attended a meeting at Kansas City, called by the Kansas railroad commission, of officials in the fourteen states next west of the Mississippi river, being present, "purely for educational purposes," but that he heard no discussion in favor of the consolidation, all present being opposed to

Cobb Looks With Disfavor On Railroad Petition for Consolidation in Oklahoma

(By the Associated Press)

OKLAHOMA CITY, May 1.—The state corporation commission, by Joe B. Cobb, one of the three members, went on record today as looking with disfavor upon railroad consolidations being urged by the Interstate Commerce Commission. Cobb made public a letter he wrote to J. K. Moore, manager of the Oklahoma Traffic association, in which he suggested that the association call a meeting of traffic men of the state in the nearfuture to discuss the proposed consolidation.

The commissioner said he had received information that the traffic association had, through its board of directors, approved the consolidation, at least in part, and he expressed the hope that a statewide conference might lead to a revision of that opinion.

"In Oklahoma we have 2,500 miles of A-1 class roads; we have 3,000 miles of second class roads; we have four trunk lines north and south, and one east and west; the fastest train in the west runs on one of these lines, the Missouri, Kansas and Texas, which competes with the other three," Cobb said in his letter.

Would Destroy Competition

"Destroy competition and you destroy the real life of energy. To my mind the saddest thing to the transportation of this state and nation would be to stagnate conditions on our railroads. If the Frisco and Katy were to consolidate, it would take away competition. Railroads today are operated as economically as they could be under consolidation."

Commissioner Cobb went on to point out that a shortage of 48,000 cars exists on Western rail lines and that there are only two ways to solve the problem, to build more cars and expedite movements.

"The highest efficiency ever known in railroad history exists today," the commissioner continued. "The physical condition of the railroads was never better. Are we going to climb upwards or backwards? The transportation system today is the life of trade. Will consolidation better those conditions or retard them? To my mind that is the real question.

The commissioner said that, with E. R. Hughes, another member of the commission, he attended a meeting at Kansas City, called by the Kansas railroad commission, of officials in the fourteen states next west of the Mississippi river, being present, "purely for educational purposes," but that he heard no discussion in favor of the consolidation, all present being opposed to

the plan.

"It was the unanimous opinion of all who expressed themselves that consolidation would take away competition, strangulate conditions, centralize Chicago as the gateway of the west, eliminating Kansas City, St. Louis and Memphis, and destroying many privileges we now enjoy under the present system. There was no one to raise a voice for consolidation."

"The railroads' opinion was that the railroads had worked out a destiny of success, and had been reaping in the west for more than forty years; that a great empire had been built west of the Mississippi, and that the competition had afforded them opportunity to make fair returns on their investments. It was looked on with suspicion that Wall street was going to redeem inflated bonds inflated bonds and securities of the weaker railroads, and deflate the strong by loading around their necks the weaker roads, and strike a balance to the detriment of the strong, which would naturally weaken transportation."

WORSTELL

A hard beating rain visited this community Friday of last week which damaged the crops around here. Most of the farmers will have to plant cotton over.

Mrs. Nora Sweet was the guest of Mrs. May Harris Monday afternoon.

Ollie Sweet spent Saturday night with Mrs. May Harris.

A meeting will start here Saturday night, May 5. Everybody invited to come.

Gracie Crow spent Saturday night with her aunt Mrs. Annie Duncan at Bebe.

Nora Estes was the guest of Mrs. Nettie Hays Sunday afternoon.

Ola Davis spent Sunday with Gracie Crow.

Mrs. Sadie and Lona Haggard spent Monday eve with Annie Duncan.

Mrs. Humphers took dinner with Mrs. Wells Monday.

Mrs. Walter Harris spent Saturday evening with Mrs. Etta High-tower.

Otto Robertson and family spent Sunday with Marion Burk.

Gracie Crow, Ola Davis and Emma Walker were the guests of Marie Riley Sunday afternoon.

A LOST SWEETHEART.

FITZHUGH

We had a large crowd out at singing Sunday night.

J. H. Simmons and daughters Cleo and Alta and Lura Oliphant went to a junior play at Roff Saturday night. They said it was as perfect as it could be played.

Miss Vera Melton spent the weekend with Hattie Waldby whose home is in Ada.

Miss Mary Maury visited home folks and friends at her home in Stratford this weekend.

School will be out in two more weeks. The high school boys and girls will put on a play the last of school. Everybody invited, no one slighted.

Mrs. Sam Bullock and little daughter Ethel were the guests of her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Woodard Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dancer and family of Roff were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Barton Sunday afternoon.

Miss Mabel Mitchell of Roff was the guest of Miss Ethlyn Nance Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Franklin, and Miss Jessie Phillips of Ada were the Sunday afternoon guests of his mother, Mrs. Franklin, and sister, Mrs. Louis Emerson.

Miss R. E. Wesson is suffering from a sprained ankle due to jumping the rope. She is better, being able to be out at singing

Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ray, have bought out the store at Lightning Ridge. They moved Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Barton and family and mother Mrs. Barton were the guests of her son and daughter-in-law Sunday afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Barton.

Ocie Holloway is able for his patient to take him for a drive after suffering so long with a broken leg.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Brooks, and friend Bill Nicholas went to a dance Saturday night out west of

town somewhere.

Mrs. Nicholas was the Saturday night guest of Mrs. Emma Williams.

Miss Mae Henry spent the day Sunday with Miss Ruby Hattox.

A. T. Watson's father-in-law and mother-in-law were visiting them Sunday.

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LODGES

M. W. of A.—Ada lodge No. 10954 meets every Tuesday evening at 7:30 at Ada Business College.—B. F. Wilkerson, Consul; J. E. Russell, clerk.

I. O. O. F.—Ada Lodge No. 146, regular meeting every Thursday.—Ben Gaddis, N. G.; H. C. Evans, Secy.

Ada Chapter No. 78 O. E. S. meets second and fourth Thursday nights in each month.—Margaret Crawford, W. M.; Cora H. McKeel, secretary.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS—Magnolia Lodge No. 145, meets every Tuesday night. Visiting knights cordially invited.—C. C. Clark, Chancellor Commander; U. D. Williams, K. R. S.

K. T. M.—Ada Commandery No. 26 Knights Templar Masons meets the third Friday night of each month.—J. G. Deaver, E. C. F. C. Sims, Secretary.

A. F. & A. M.—Regular meeting of Ada Lodge No. 119, Monday night on or before the full moon in each month.—M. O. Matthews, W. M. F. C. Sims, secretary.

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MISSION BOARDS MERGE INTO ONE

Two Old Institutions of Land
Combine Forces Into New
Organization.

(By the Associated Press)
NEW YORK, May 2.—One of the
oldest organizations in the United
States, the Presbyterian Board of
Home Missions, in the 121st year of
its existence, today merged its
identity with the Woman's Board
of Church Erection, the Board of Mis-
sions for Freedmen (negroes of the
south), the Permanent Committee
on Evangelism, and the missionary
and evangelistic section of the
Board of Publication and Sabbath
School Work, and became a factor
in the new Board of National Mis-
sions of the Presbyterian Church in
the United States.

This reorganization is the second
great accomplishment in the entire
plan of consolidation of the Pres-
byterian Boards from 16 into four.
The establishment of the new Na-
tional Missions Board emphasizes
the keynote sounded by the Home
Missions Board in its last annual
report, that "The Presbyterian
Church in the United States has
never ceased to be a national
church in the fullest sense, and
has always recognized that every
corner of the whole United States
where need for our service exists
has a rightful claim on the Home
Mission forces, east, west, north
and south."

Under the reorganization effect-
ed today provision is made that the
full board shall meet annually;
that an executive committee of 15,
one-third of them women, shall
meet monthly and operate through
a national staff and executives of
the synods, and presbyteries. There
is to be a committee on army and
navy chaplains including hospital
work for disabled army and navy
veterans. The division of church ex-
tension and missions shall have the
departments of city, immigrant and
industrial work, as well as depart-
ments of town and country, Sunday
school missions, and the West In-
dies. There will be Divisions of
Missions for colored people, schools
and hospitals, buildings and prop-
erty, and general promotion and
evangelism.

ENGLISH WOMEN ENGINEERS NOW

Feminine Britain Drops Work
of Housewife and Takes
to Machinery.

LONDON, May 3.—American
women who find dressmaking, of-
fice work, school teaching and sim-
ilar pursuits prosaic or unsatisfying
may take a leaf from the book of
their English sisters, who are rap-
idly taking to engineering, med-
icine, law and similar professional
occupations which heretofore have
been confined to men. Many Eng-
lish universities and schools have
thrown open their engineering
courses to women on exactly the
same terms as to men, and the
number of applicants far exceeds
the capacity of the classrooms.

The phenomenal success achiev-
ed by Miss Victoria Drummond, a
young English woman, as a marine
engineer, has inspired new interest
in the possibilities of engineering
for the educated woman. Women's
engineering societies are springing
up in the larger manufacturing and
industrial centers, and one of the
largest employers of labor in Eng-
land said recently that no capable
woman need fear lack of employ-
ment in this branch when she has
successfully completed her training.

Miss Drummond, who is a grand-
daughter of the late Lord Anherst
of Hackney, is now chief engineer
on a large ocean steamer, and soon
will apply for a license as a sea
captain. But in spite of her success
English educators advise women not
to specialize in marine engineering
with its peculiarly severe demands
upon the physique and general
health. Rather they are urged to
choose the electrical branch of the
profession. For not only does this
work impose less physical strain
than any other form of engineering
these educational authorities say,
but the employers are, as a rule,
far less conservative in their ideas
and far more willing to give wom-
en their opportunity.

The women's engineering course
includes applied mathematics, me-
chanics, drawing and design, mag-
netism and electricity, pattern-mak-
ing, the working of iron and steel,
foundry work, electrical measure-
ments, strength of materials and
theory of structures. Upon comple-
tion of her training, the woman
finds many openings in draughts-
manship, X-ray work, automobiles,
patent inventions, electric power sta-
tions, and auxiliary work. Many
women are today carrying on small
engineering businesses in England
on their own account with consider-
able success.

Light breakfasts are almost as
popular as heavy morning meals
among many notables who recently
answered a questionnaire on the
subject.

Network of Highways Now Prospect For Oklahoma in Next Two Years, Predicted

(By the Associated Press)

OKLAHOMA CITY, May 2.—Oklahoma is hitting its stride in road building, and within the next eighteen months or two years connections will be built which will practically complete six of the main highways across the state, making a network system of hard-surfaced arteries of motor travel, according to Paul Nesbitt, state highway commissioner.

Chambers of commerce, farmers' organizations, and county and township officials are piling up the requests for federal and state aid for road building so fast that I am not sure how many of them I can arrange to help, Nesbitt said. He declared he had recently made trips to several points in the state, including Chickasha in Grady county, Norman in Cleveland county and Perry, in Noble county, where great enthusiasm was manifested in road building projects.

The six main highways across the state, the Bankhead, running north and south in the eastern half of the state, are growing fastest, Nesbitt said. The Bankhead highway is particularly going ahead fast now, he pointed out, with hard-surfacing under way in McCurtain, Choctaw, Bryan and Johnston counties to Tishomingo.

Plans have been prepared but funds are not yet available for building north of Tishomingo in Johnston county, but Murray county, next on the road, has plans completed and money ready, and is making a start on the road work. Garvin county, the commissioner said, has not had money until recently, but the recent discovery of oil near Pauls Valley is expected to provide the funds. Comanche and other counties to the west line of the state have little money and small prospects of building the hard surface through that district is seen. Jackson county has two miles of pavement near Altus, but no money to build more at present.

Stephens county is one of the leaders in road building in the state, with a \$750,000 bond issue of \$450,000 of which has been made available for immediate construction. The county has been awarded \$350,000 federal aid, according to figures announced at the state highway department.

Jefferson Highway Extended

Along the Jefferson highway, from the point where it enters the state from the north in Ottawa county, the paving of 11.5 miles of road north of Miami is now being planned. A stretch of 15 miles long south of Miami to the county line is already paved. Mayes county, next on the road, has little money, but several townships are doing the work of hard surfacing, one of them being Mayzie township, contract for about six miles of gravel road to be let by the township within two weeks.

Plans have been submitted for the building of gravel road across Wagoner county, twenty miles, and eighteen miles of the road in Muskogee is already gravelled. McIntosh county likewise has completed graveling of the road for 22.5 miles, and Pittsburg county has plans ready and is waiting for approval before calling for bids.

Little possibility that the road can be paved across Atoka county is seen, for that is a poor country, according to the highway commissioner. The dirt road, however, is kept in good condition, by the county, he said, and Bryan county, next to the south, has completed the work of graveling the road to the Red river.

The Albert Pike highway, east and west through the center of the state, crosses the Oklahoma boundary from Fort Smith, Ark., by way of the new \$1,000,000 Fort Smith bridge over the Arkansas river, into Sequoyah county. That county is doing little work on the road, according to the highway commissioner, but is progressing slowly. In Muskogee county the road is being gravelled, and it is complete through Wagoner and Tulsa counties. Creek county has

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